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RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION

MINUTES

678TH REGULAR MEETING

THURSDAY, JANUARY 21, 1993 - 2:00 P.M.

The Six Hundred and Seventy-Eighth Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Thursday, January 21, 1993, at 2:00 p.m. by President Trent W. Orr.

1. ROLL CALL

Present:
Commissioner Trent Orr, President
Commissioner Sidney Chan, Vice President
Commissioner Keith Eickman
Commissioner Bella Farrow
Commissioner Jack Immendorf
Commissioner Santiago Ruiz
Commissioner Sue Sommer

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Commissioner Ruiz, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 17, 1992, were approved as presented.

3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

General Manager, Mary E. Burns, submitted the following report:

"INTRODUCTION OF DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce Scott Emblidge, who is replacing Mark Barmore as our Department's Deputy City Attorney. Scott has been with the City Attorney's Office for five years. Initially, he handled general litigation cases. For the past two years he has been on the general government team advising the Human Rights Commission. Please join me in welcoming Scott to our Department.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR - FRIENDS OF RECREATION AND PARKS

Leslie Schemel, Executive Director of the Friends of Recreation and Parks, has announced that she will be resigning effective January 26 in order to spend more time with her young children. Leslie has provided outstanding leadership during her six years with the Friends, and we will all miss her. I hope you will join me in commending Leslie for the outstanding work she has done on behalf of the Department over the years.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC TELEVISION SPECIAL

The next show in the National Geographic series on KQED Channel 9 will feature "Keepers of the Wild" on Wednesday, February 17, at 8 p.m. Jack Castor, the Zoo's Lion House Keeper, will be one of ten animal keepers worldwide who will be highlighted. Jack has been employed as a keeper for 42 years, and I know he would appreciate your acknowledgment of his achievements.

MARINA WAITING LIST

After mailing letters to over 3,000 people on the various lists, less than 300 responded that they were interested in being on the list. There are 69 berths available and those who are eligible are currently being notified by certified mail. Some berth assignments have already been made.

LESBIAN, GAY AND BISEXUAL YOUTH PROGRAMMING OPEN HOUSE

The Department is sponsoring an Open House to preview innovative programming in collaboration with the Lavender Youth Recreation and Information Center (LYRIC). The Open House is on Friday, January 29, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., at Eureka Valley Recreation Center.

Recreational activities for Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual teens will begin in February augmenting the center's current programs. The new activities will include outdoor adventure programs, vocational and job training experience, support groups and afterschool and cultural activities.

3. **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT** (Continued)

BLACK HISTORY CELEBRATION

The Department's Teen Program is celebrating Black History Awareness throughout the month of February with a series of exciting events. At your places you will find an informational flyer with details about these events.

CANDLESTICK PARK FIELD

The good news: The much maligned field at Candlestick Park was highly praised by both team participants in the National League Championship Game. The bad news: The 49'ers were defeated by the Cowboys. The League had declared the field unacceptable and asked the City to commit to its normal expenses in repairing the field. They picked up the additional cost of shipping sod and equipment from Southern California.

DISABLED ACCESS

For your information, the next project to make McLaren Lodge more accessible to the disabled is underway. One of the restrooms is being renovated into a unisex, handicapped accessible restroom. Future projects include construction of a ramp at one of the entrances at the front of the Lodge.

COUNTY FAIR/FLOWER SHOW

Due to no funding from the State, there will not be a San Francisco County Fair/Flower Show in August. San Francisco Flower Show, Inc., has indicated that it does not have the resources to put on the Flower Show.

SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS

No claims under $5,000 were settled by the City Attorney's Office during the month of December 1992.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Saturday, January 23, 1993	Celebration of the arrival of the new "Wild in the City" posters; 1:00-3:30 p.m., Randall Museum, 199 Museum Way
Sunday, January 24, 1993	Annual Zoo Run; 8:00 a.m. (7 mile run), 9:00 a.m. (3 mile run); Herbst Road behind the Zoo
Wednesday, January 27, 1993	Recreation Program Committee Meeting; 3:30 p.m., Sunset Recreation Center, 28th Avenue and Lawton Street

3. **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)**

DATES TO REMEMBER (Continued)

Friday, January 29, 1993	Young People's Teen Musical Theatre Company, "A Chorus Line," 8:00 p.m., Lowell High School Theatre, 1101 Eucalyptus Drive
Saturday, January 30,1993	Young People's Teen Musical Theatre Company, "A Chorus Line," 8:00 p.m., Lowell High School Theatre, 1101 Eucalyptus Drive
Sunday, January 31, 1993	Young People's Teen Musical Theatre Company, "A Chorus Line," 2:00 p.m., Lowell High School Theatre, 1101 Eucalyptus Drive
Monday, February 1, 1993	Golden Gate Park Committee Meeting; 4:00 p.m., McLaren Lodge
Tuesday, February 2, 1993	Parks and Planning Committee Meeting; 4:00 p.m., McLaren Lodge
Wednesday, February 3, 1993	Joint Zoo Committee Meeting; 4:30 p.m. tour, 5:00 p.m. meeting, Education Classroom, S.F. Zoo
Thursday, February 4, 1993	Joint Meeting of Recreation and Park Commission and City Planning Commission; 1:30 p.m., Room 282, City Hall
Thursday, February 4, 1993	Finance and Administration Committee Meeting; 4:00 p.m., McLaren Lodge
Monday, February 15, 1993	Presidents' Day Holiday"

4. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

All matters listed hereunder constitute a Consent Calendar, are considered to be routine by the Recreation and Park Commission and will be acted upon by a single roll call vote of the Commission. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member so requests, in which event the matter shall be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered as a separate item.

On motion of Commissioner Ruiz, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, ratification of the following resolutions, which are processed under Resolution No. 13572:

4. CONSENT CALENDAR (Continued)

a. PERSONNEL MATTERS — RES. NO. 16539

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies the actions taken by the General Manager regarding personnel matters during the period December 4, 1992 through January 4, 1993.

b. ALIOTO MINI-PARK — RES. NO. 16540
PARK CLOSURE

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the posting of signage stating Alioto Mini-Park will be closed from 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.

c. BUSH STREET MINI-PARK — RES. NO. 16541
PARK CLOSURE

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the posting of signage stating Bush Street Mini-Park will be closed from 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.

d. DOUGLASS PLAYGROUND, UPPER NOE RECREATION CENTER — RES. NO. 16542
AND NOE VALLEY COURTS PARK CLOSURE

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the posting of signage stating Douglass Playground, Upper Noe Recreation Center and Noe valley Courts will be closed from 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.

e. GOLDEN GATE PARK MASTER PLAN — RES. NO. 16543
CONTRACT MODIFICATION

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the contract modification to Royston Hanamoto Alley & Abey in the amount of $150,000 for Phase II, Tasks 1 and 2 of the Golden Gate Park Master Plan.

f. GOLDEN GATE PARK — RES. NO. 16544
POLO FIELD AND CASTING POND
MULTIPLE DAY EVENT

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the multiple day event at the Polo Field and Casting Pond in Golden Gate Park on Monday, August 9, 1993, Tuesday, August 10, 1993, and Wednesday, August 11, 1993, Thursday, August 12, 1993, Friday, August 13, 1993, and Saturday, August 14, 1993, from 7:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., each day, for the 85th Annual American Casting Association National Tournament.

GENERAL CALENDAR

5. **AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA)**
APPROVAL OF ADA SELF EVALUATION AND TRANSITION PLAN

Approval of the Recreation and Park Department's ADA Self Evaluation & Transition Plan.

General Manager, Mary E. Burns, explained that the Americans with Disability Act (ADA) was adopted by Congress and requires that all programs and facilities offered by the Department be accessible to the disabled. The Department hired the consultant firm Moore, Iacofano, Goltsman, to help Recreation and Park complete the self-evaluation plan, which is one of the requirements of the ADA. An assessment of the physical problems of the facilities has been completed. The self-evaluation and transition plan has been a very involved process for the Department. Ms. Burns complimented Tim Lillyquist of the Department, who had the lead role on this project and the members of the disabled community who attended the public meetings to develop the transition plan.

Assistant to General Manager, Tim Lillyquist, said that some of the policies before the Commission today are required by law; other policies go beyond the law and represent goals that hopefully will be done as funding becomes available. He further explained that some of the policies may be changed and adapted as the transition plan develops.

Mayor's Disability Coordinator, Paul Imperiale, commended the Department, its transition plan and for going through the process. He explained that a list of recommendations were submitted to his office by the community. Most of the recommendations outlined in this memorandum have been submitted to the Department during the transition plan process.

Susan Goltsman, principal, Moore, Iacofano, Goltsman, described the procedures followed for the ADA Self Evaluation and Transition Plan, explaining that in December, 1989 survey forms were developed to conduct the physical assessment. The most important element of the Act says that any department in the City has to make its programs physically accessible to people with disabilities. The transition plan tries to look at facilities in relationship to the programs so that the facilities are made accessible based on the needs of the program with the goal that by 1995 all the programs will be usable by anyone in the community. Unfortunately, the City is in a fiscal crisis and this goal may be difficult to attain.

When the self evaluation started key staff were interviewed to look at the kinds of activities offered and then each division completed a questionnaire with their staff to make sure that the programs were not discriminatory to anyone. All of this information was compiled into the Policy and Program recommendations in May 1992. Then the programs were prioritized and a suggested list of program priorities and physical facility renovations were developed. The Department has taken many steps to make sure the programs are accessible.

Commissioner Eickman said that one of the recommendations encourages the hiring of a specialist. He asked if this was a requirement or mandate.

5. **AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA)**
APPROVAL OF ADA SELF EVALUATION AND TRANSITION PLAN (Continued)

Ms. Burns explained that the Transition Plan should be adopted by the Commission but that the specific issues presented by Mr. Imperiale's memorandum should be reviewed by staff before the Commission considers them. She explained that the Mayor and Board of Supervisors have given authorization to hire a program specialist and that the Department is in the process of obtaining approvals, from Civil Service Commission, Mayor's Office of Children, Youth and Their Families, etc.

Commissioner Eickman asked for the clarification on the recommendation contained in Mr. Imperiale's memorandum which states "...Do not ask self identified people with disabilities to certify or offer proof of disability." He asked how this proposal would be addressed by staff.

Ms. Goltsman said the law states that if you perceive yourself as having a disability then you do have a disability and that if someone perceives you as having a disability then you have a disability. She said the law is very broad and that it is discriminatory to ask individuals to verify their disability.

Ms. Burns explained that the staff needed to review this recommendation and to consider the impact it would have on fees and other issues.

Ms. Goltsman explained that what is before the Commission today is the framework of the Transition Plan and that the operational decisions can be implemented if the Commission chose to do so.

Commissioner Sommer asked several questions about sections of the Transition Plan. Ms. Goltsman responded to her inquiries.

Commissioner Immendorf said the ADA Plan must be adopted by 1/26/93 and that the Commission must adopt it in order for the Department to be in conformance. He asked Mr. Imperiale if the recommendations he presented needed to be acted upon today.

Mr. Imperiale explained that the recommendations were requested by the disabled community and that the Commission is not bound to implement them although they should consider them.

Ellen Lieber, said she is very interested in making sure that the City becomes accessible. She congratulated the Department on the fact that of all of the City departments, Recreation and Park is the only agency that has developed a document.

Laurie Hodas, congratulated the Department on the Transition Plan. She said the consultants have done an excellent job. She recommended that the Department's Special Needs Division be called "Adaptive Recreation" because people in the disability movement have been trying to be integrated into society. She further said that some of the facilities should be changed to another location such as the arts and crafts program. She wanted disabled people to be part of the senior swim program so that they can enter a swimming pool with dignity. She was concerned about implementation and wanted to see more input from the disabled community. She also wanted to have a disabled person on staff.

5. **AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA)**
APPROVAL OF ADA SELF EVALUATION AND TRANSITION PLAN (Continued)

Tom Karnes, President of California Council of Citizens with Low Vision, said he found some problems with the document including obtaining the document itself. He obtained a computer disk on 1/7/93 and did not have time to review it. He said that blind people cannot participate in activities and programs that they are not aware of. He said there is no reference about sending press releases to organizations that publish notices in an alternate format such as San Francisco Lighthouse for the Blind, San Francisco Talking Book Library, etc. He felt the plan did not address the needs for the blind and visually impaired. He felt that the plan should not be adopted.

Commissioner Immendorf made a motion to adopt the plan with the understanding that the recommendations presented by Mr. Imperiale will be considered by staff for implementation in the Department's program.

On motion of Commissioner Immendorf, seconded by Commissioner Sommer, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16545

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the Recreation and Park Department's American with Disabilities Act (ADA) Self Evaluation and Transition Plan.

6. **SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS**
ANIMAL TRANSACTIONS

Zoo Director, David Anderson, explained the animal transaction: the llama was considered surplus to the Zoo's needs and that the Zoo stopped breeding its llamas.

On motion of Commissioner Sommer, seconded by Commissioner Chan, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16546

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies the following animal transactions (processed under Resolution No. 13572) for the San Francisco Zoological Gardens:

DONATED TO: Sandy Frontin
P. O. Box 308
Montgomery Creek, CA 96065

One (1) Male Llama

7. **ROLPH PLAYGROUND**
PARK CLOSURE

Approval of posting of signage stating Rolph Park will be closed from 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.

Assistant Superintendent of Neighborhood Parks and Squares, Michael Morlin, explained that the Recreation Division informed him that the softball leagues often play in the evening hours beyond 10:00 p.m. at this playground. Therefore, he recommended that the park closure be from 11:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. to enable the recreation activities to occur without violating the park closure.

On motion of Commissioner Chan, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16547

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the posting of signage stating Rolph Park will be closed from 11:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.

8. **LAKE MERCED**
SURPLUS PROPERTY

Approval of surplus property designation for 17.35 acres contiguous to the Olympic Club.

Park Planner, Deborah Learner, explained that the Public Utilities Commission has declared a 17.35 acre portion of the Lake Merced Lands surplus to the needs of the Water Department. Master Plan approval to sell the subject property requires that any future deed carry a restriction that "no permanent structures shall be permitted on the subject property and said property shall be used only for golf courses, parks, playgrounds, open space and other uses related to recreational purposes.

Under the terms of the PUC resolution granting the Recreation and Park Department the right to occupy and use the Lake Merced Tract, the PUC "reserves the right to sell or trade any portion of the Lake Merced tract, provided such action is necessary or advisable in the opinion of both the PUC and the Park and Recreation Commission". Currently the 17.35 acres in question is under lease to the Olympic Club. The area is west of John Muir Drive and is not incorporated into the Lake Merced perimeter recreational features maintained by the Recreation and Park Department. Because the surplus property will be used for recreational purposes, the sense of open space that this property affords as a landscape easement will be retained.

In response to Commissioner Sommer's question regarding construction of buildings on Recreation and Park land, Ms. Learner explained that the Public Utilities Commission has the right to construct (or reconstruct) pumping stations, keeper's quarters and other buildings on the Lake Merced tract. She explained that PUC has the authorization to build on their property and that the proposed area is across the road from land that Recreation and Park maintains for recreational purposes.

8. **LAKE MERCED**
SURPLUS PROPERTY (Continued)

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Eickman, seconded by Commissioner Immendorf, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16548

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the surplus property designation for 17.35 acres contiguous to the Olympic Club.

9. **RICHMOND GYM AND RECREATION CENTER**
APPROVAL OF SCHEMATIC PLANS

Approval of schematic plans for the development of the Richmond Gym and Recreation Center.

Assistant to the General Manager, Tim Lillyquist, explained that this project has been under consideration for several years. He said that currently, the closest gymnasium facility to the Richmond area is the Western Addition (Hamilton Recreation Center) and to the south, Sunset Recreation Center. In 1987, a group of citizens from the Sutro Annex site (Richmond District) approached the Department and asked that it consider this site for a gymnasium. At that time, there was a condominium complex planned for the site. The area is located between 18th and 19th Avenue at California and is an excellent location for a gymnasium facility. A series of community meetings have been held and a design developed. He further explained that at the Parks and Planning Committee meeting, some of the immediate neighbors to the proposed site spoke in opposition to the gymnasium.

Robert B. Marquis, representing Marquis Associates, clarified the point that he is seeking approval of the concept for the site rather than the schematic plans as worded in the agenda item.

He explained that the first meeting was held in 1992 with the Planning Association for Richmond and then 3 subsequent community meetings were held. He said he, Recreation and Park and the City Architect listened to what the community wanted and then distributed a questionnaire. Forty-nine individuals responded to the questionnaire. He said it was evident that the community wanted a gymnasium with some community space large enough to hold 200 people. The kitchen facility was designed to be large enough to offer senior nutrition courses and the office is to be centrally located for good supervision of the facility. The community wanted parking to be minimal and recommended 6 for staff, 6 for the community, 2 for disabled and 1 for delivery purposes. Basically, this is the program that has been developed and for which approval is requested.

Mr. Marquis displayed an aerial photograph of the site noting that the site is not entirely flat but has a 9' slope from 18th to 19th Avenue. The proposed gym building will be lower than the adjacent buildings but not higher. He also displayed a board depicting the sun and shadow impact on the adjacent buildings. He said there is enough space on the site to provide a small, outdoor recreational area. He noted that tennis courts and tot lots are located in surrounding area. The community was shown 2 alternatives.

9. RICHMOND GYM AND RECREATION CENTER
APPROVAL OF SCHEMATIC PLANS (Continued)

Hal Brandes, representing Marquis Associates, presented alternatives to the community including one plan that provided equal access to the building from either street. The original plan proposed 40-50 parking spaces. The community asked that the parking plan be reduced to 15 spaces. The advantage to reduced parking is that more open space can be provided.

Mr. Marquis said the person in the adjacent house objected to the gymnasium on the grounds that the building would throw too much shadow onto their building. A sun study was conducted and one of the alternatives (not being proposed) would cast a lot of shadow onto the neighboring property. He proposed that the bleachers of the gymnasium be placed along the street so that it can be at a lower elevation and that the gymnasium be pulled away from the neighboring building so that there is air space between the building.

Commissioner Chan asked if the building was moved to the center would that alleviate the concern of the neighbor.

Mr. Marquis said the way the building is now configured a very nice pocket park can be developed and that he would be reluctant to move it.

General Manager, Mary E. Burns, explained that a wider corridor next to the building was preferable because it gave a visible access. The Department has some recreational facilities where there is a narrow passage between the building and it has created a troublesome situation.

Commissioner Sommer asked if the building could contain a performing arts center and a gymnasium.

Ms. Burns said the issue is having street shoes on the gymnasium floor. She explained that staff has looked at a gym that uses a carpet for both basketball and other events.

Jim Lazarus, explained that he was representing the Planning Association for the Richmond (PAR), which has been a strong proponent of the gymnasium for the Richmond District for many years. He said a number of board members and neighbors from the Richmond were present today to encourage approval of the plans for this site. He said this Commission has banked money for many years for this project through the Open Space Program. He explained that the Richmond District is the largest neighborhood served by Recreation and Park that does not have an indoor gymnasium facility. He said that PAR has encouraged this Commission since the mid 1980s to fund this project and that the neighborhood has been working toward the gymnasium plan. On behalf of PAR, he urged the Commission to approve the plan proposed by Marquis and Associates.

Peggy Kopmann, said that the Richmond is the largest area in the City without a gymnasium. He said there are many young people in the area and the facility would serve them and seniors. She felt it was important to get this project moving so that the building could be constructed.

9. **RICHMOND GYM AND RECREATION CENTER**
APPROVAL OF SCHEMATIC PLANS (Continued)

Chuck Lantz, explained that he was president of a dormant group, who in 1986, stopped the condominium complex from being built on this site. At that time, this group petitioned the Open Space Committee to build a recreation center and gymnasium for this part of town. He wanted a facility for all age groups. He felt that the people who were involved in the group from 1986 would support this project.

President Orr said he was surprised to hear opposition at the Committee level. He was happy to see that there was support for this project and felt it was a wonderful plan.

Commissioner Immendorf explained that he raised his son in the Richmond neighborhood and assured his fellow Commissioners that such a facility will be a tremendous asset to the Richmond District.

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Immendorf, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16549

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the program plan for the development of the Richmond Gym and Recreation Center.

10. **SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS**
TICKET PRICES

Approval of a request from the San Francisco Giants to change ticket prices for the 1993 season.

Assistant General Manager for Administration, Phil Arnold, explained that the Giants have requested a change in the ticket price structure for baseball games. The fee increase from $14.25 to $17.50 are for the lower box areas that are closest to home plate between first and third base. The Giants are also proposing a new MVP section in the upper deck between first and third base with a ticket price of $12.25 and a decrease in the ticket price for the upper reserved section from $8.25 to $6.75.

The Giants have suggested that a new removable bleacher section be constructed outside the left field fence with a ticket price structure of $4.75. This section is contingent upon receiving approval from the Recreation and Park Commission. Many of the General Admission seats would be obstructed by this section and would not be available. Mr. Arnold then enumerated the fee increases proposed for the luxury suites. Mr. Arnold recommended approval of the ticket price structure. He explained that staff conducted a survey of ticket prices charged at other baseball teams and found the fees to be within the range of what is charged at other stadia.

Dr. Francis J. Clauss, informed the Commission that over 30,000 signatures were submitted to the City's County Clerk by the Committee to Stop the Giveaway. This will place a referendum on the ballot to turn back the $16 Million of concessions granted to the Giants by the City. He felt that the ticket prices should be raised but that the increase should be distributed fairly. He commented that the lower box tickets will increase 22.8% and yet the suites will only increase 12.5%.

10. **SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS**
TICKET PRICES (Continued)

Commissioner Sommer noted that a designated number of baseball tickets will be given to children and that many tickets are offered at a discounted price by the Giants.

Robert Hartzell, representing the Giants, explained that a discount is offered for children and senior programs and that $3.1 Million worth of tickets will be distributed to the public.

On motion of Commissioner Sommer, seconded by Commissioner Chan, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16550

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the request from the San Francisco Giants to change ticket prices for the 1993 season as follows:

	Current	Approved
Lower Box MVP (Section 1-13)	$14.25**	$17.50
Lower Box (Section 14-23)	12.25	No Increase
Upper Box MVP (Section 1-17)	New Category	12.25
Upper Box (Section 18-62)	11.25	No Increase
Lower Reserved	10.25	No Increase
Upper Reserved	8.25	6.75
Family Pavilion	5.25	No Increase
*Bleacher	New Category	4.75
General Admission	2.75	No Increase

*If Bleacher seats are constructed

Full Season Per Suite Cost

Suites 2-61		
8 Seat	$26,240	$29,520
10 Seat	32,800	36,900
12 Seat	39,360	44,280
18 Seat	59,040	66,420
Suites A-E & 62-69		
10 Seat	24,600	No Increase
12 Seat	29,520	No Increase
16 Seat	39,360	No Increase
19 Seat	46,740	No Increase
20 Seat	49,200	No Increase

Per Game Rental Price

Suites 1, 68, 70-89		
10 Seat	$ 350	$ 400
12 Seat	420	480
14 Seat	490	560
24 Seat	840	1,080

**On 10/18/90, by Resolution No. 15846, the Recreation and Park Commission approved a rate of $12.75 for the MVP Season Ticket. The Giants charged $14.00 for these tickets for the 1991 season and $14.25 for the 1992 baseball season.

11. **CAMP MATHER**
RULES, REGULATIONS & PROCEDURES

Approval of rules, regulations and registration procedures for the 1993 Camp Mather season.

Director of Business Development, Garrett Furuichi, explained that this item is a request to approve a written statement of rules, regulations and registration procedures for use of Camp Mather and is an attempt to clearly outline existing procedures. He suggested that some of the policies be modified by increasing the deposit for cabin and tentsite reservations and that the non-refundable deposit policy be changed. He proposed that there be an increase in the penalty for non-registered guests.

President Orr asked why there was not a differential in tentsite rates for residents and non-residents.

Assistant General Manager for Administration, Phil Arnold, explained that the tentsites were offered for the first time last year and that a differential was not established.

President Orr felt that there should be a differential in order to be consistent with cabin rates charged for residents and non-residents.

A discussion ensued regarding the fees charged, interpretation of some of the rules and regulations and its meaning with regard to the existing policy.

On recommendation of the Finance and Administration Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Eickman, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16551

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the rules, regulations and registration procedures for the 1993 Camp Mather season, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That there will be a differential established for non-resident tentsites.

12. **RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT**
1993-1994 BUDGET RECOMMENDATION

Approval of 1993-1994 budget recommendation for the Recreation and Park Department.

Assistant General Manager for Administration, Phil Arnold, explained that the Recreation and Park Department has not received any target reductions from the Mayor's Office. He has met with the Mayor's Budget staff and showed them the package they planned to submit and both of the budget directors have authorized that this budget be submitted in this form. He said if reductions were needed, he presumed that the Mayor's Office will dictate those reductions.

12. **RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT**
1993-1994 BUDGET RECOMMENDATION (Continued)

Mr. Arnold explained that the Mayor's budget guidelines said to absorb all inflation for salaries, absorb all salary step increases, absorb any deficit in the salary savings account and do not request any additional funding from the City's General Fund. The Department has followed those guidelines. Mr. Arnold further explained that the Mayor's Office has informed him that the Department will not have to make any transfers from the Revenue Fund or Stadium Fund to the City's General Fund.

Mr. Arnold then gave an overview of the 1993-94 budget and outlined the 4 non-General Fund accounts for the Department: the (1) Open Space Fund, (2) Candlestick Fund, (3) Yacht Harbor Fund, and (4) Revenue Fund. If the budget is approved as presented today there would an estimated fund balance as of 6/30/94 as follows:

Open Space Fund:	$95,000	Candlestick Fund:	$ -0-
Yacht Harbor Fund:	$ 5,842	Revenue Fund:	$158,442

Staff contemplates that it will be necessary to propose berth fee increase sometime this fiscal year at the Marina.

This year Camp Mather, formerly budgeted through the General Fund, will be budgeted under the Revenue Fund as will the Golf Division. The Department is trying to switch all of its self-sustaining program to the Revenue Fund. There is an increase of 11 positions in next year's budget all of which are funded through the Open Space and/or bond funds.

On recommendation of the Finance and Administration Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Sommer, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16552

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the 1993-1994 budget recommendation for the Recreation and Park Department.

4:15 pm - 4:30 pm the Commission convened in closed session regarding Item #13.

13. **JUDGMENT**

On motion of Commissioner Sommer, seconded by Commissioner Immendorf, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16553

RESOLVED, That this Commission acknowledges the arbitrator's award in the amount of $93,547.75 in the case of Julia Lorena Mendoza versus City and County of San Francisco.

13a. **PORTSMOUTH SQUARE**
MULTIPLE DAY EVENT

Ratification of the request from Chinese Chamber of Commerce to change the dates of its multiple day event at Portsmouth Square for the carnival portion of their Chinese New Year festival from January 26, 1993 through February 6, 1993 to Wednesday, January 20, 1993 through Sunday, January 31, 1993.

Superintendent of Recreation, Joel Robinson, explained that the President of the Chamber of Commerce submitted a letter to the Department requesting a change in the dates for the multiple day event scheduled at Portsmouth Square. The change of dates will give the event promoters 2 consecutive weekends for the carnival portion of the Chinese New Year Festival. He further explained that the General Manager authorized the change in dates although the modification did not exceed 12 consecutive days.

On motion of Commissioner Ruiz, seconded by Commissioner Immendorf, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16554

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies the request from Chinese Chamber of Commerce to change the dates of its multiple day event at Portsmouth Square for the carnival portion of their Chinese New Year festival from January 26, 1993 through February 6, 1993 to Wednesday, January 20, 1993 through Sunday, January 31, 1993.

14. **RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION**
ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Election of President and Vice President for calendar year 1993, in accordance with Resolution No. 11334.

On motion of Commissioner Eickman, seconded by Commissioner Sommer, Trent W. Orr was nominated President for calendar year 1993.

On motion of Commissioner Chan, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, Jack Immendorf was nominated Vice President for calendar year 1993.

RES. NO. 16553

RESOLVED, That this Commission elects Trent W. Orr President for calendar year 1993 and Jack Immendorf as Vice President for calendar year 1993.

15. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

At this time members of the public may address the Commission on items that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Recreation and Park Commission. Members of the public may address the Commission for up to three minutes. The President or the Commission may limit the total testimony to 30 minutes.

Note: No public comment was received.

16. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Orr expressed his sadness of the resignation of the Director of Friends of Recreation and Parks, Leslie Schemel, and commented about her commitment, dedication and care she has given to Recreation and Park through the years.

Commissioner Sommer said the Commission receives countless invitations to Department events. She felt it was important to have a member of the Commission present at these events to give better representation at these events.

17. **COMMISSION COMMITTEE REPORTS**

The following Commission Committee reports were submitted for the record:

Joint Zoo Committee Meeting of December 2, 1992
Golden Gate Park Committee Meeting of January 4, 1993
Parks and Planning Committee Meeting of January 5, 1993
Finance and Yacht Harbor Committee Meeting of January 7, 1993

18. **ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Commissioner Sommer, the meeting was adjourned in memory of Gradie Coats, mother of Curtis Coats, a gardener supervisor in Golden Gate Park.

On motion of Commissioner Eickman, the meeting was adjourned in memory of Minnie Boyd, mother of Speaker of the Assembly Willie L. Brown, Jr.

On motion of Commissioner Sommer, the meeting was adjourned in memory of Ken Hemingway, a gardener in Golden Gate Park.

On motion of Commissioner Chan, the meeting was adjourned in memory of Clifford Orr, father of Recreation and Park Commissioner Trent Orr.

On motion of Commissioner Immendorf, the meeting was adjourned in memory of Julia Walsh, the mother of Joseph Walsh, a painter for the Recreation and Park Department.

On motion of Commissioner Eickman, the meeting was adjourned in memory of Mary Sally Reddick, the mother of Martin and William Rivette, carpenters of the Recreation and Park Department.

On motion of Commissioner Orr, the meeting was adjourned in memory of Mildred Burton, mother of Assemblyman John Burton.

On motion of Commissioner Farrow, the meeting was adjourned in memory of Mrs. Marguerite Elissetche, mother of Phillip Elissetche, a gardener at Huntington Park.

18. **ADJOURNMENT (Continued)**

On motion of Commissioner Ruiz, the meeting was adjourned in memory of Ron Hoppe, brother of Ken Hoppe, a supervisor of the Department's field athletic crew.

On motion of Commissioner Orr, the meeting was adjourned with special thanks to Harry Britt and Jim Gonzalez, for their support to Recreation and Park Department and their commitment to the City and County of San Francisco during their just completed tenure as members of the Board of Supervisors.

There being no further business, the 678th Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shauna Marie Rose
Commission Secretary

Note: These minutes set forth all actions taken by the Recreation and Park Commission on matters stated, but not necessarily the chronological order in which the matters were taken up.

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679TH REGULAR MEETING

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1993 - 2:00 P.M.

The Six Hundred and Seventy-Ninth Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Thursday, February 18, 1993, at 2:00 p.m. by President Trent W. Orr.

1. **ROLL CALL**

Present:
Commissioner Trent W. Orr, President
Commissioner Jack Immendorf, Vice President(noted present at 2:05 pm)
Commissioner Sidney Chan
Commissioner Keith Eickman
Commissioner Santiago Ruiz
Commissioner Sue Sommer
Absent:
Commissioner Bella Farrow

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On motion of Commissioner Ruiz, seconded by Commissioner Chan, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 21, 1993, were approved as presented.

Approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Eickman, Orr, Ruiz, Sommer
Absent: Commissioners Farrow, Immendorf

2:05 p.m. Commissioner Immendorf arrived at the meeting.

3. **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

General Manager, Mary E. Burns, submitted the following report:

"CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION

Mayor Jordan recently presented certificates of appreciation to 65 of our employees in recognition of their outstanding work in preparing Candlestick Park for the game between the San Francisco 49ers and the Dallas Cowboys on January 17, 1993. Bill Buckley, Head Groundskeeper at Candlestick Park, and Jim Delfino, Turf Manager, accepted the certificates on behalf of the crew at the Mayor's press conference on January 25.

I would like to take this opportunity to present Ron de Leon with his certificate from the Mayor and to thank him for his outstanding leadership in this effort, which included taking shovel in hand and working on the field. Unfortunately, pictures taken of this momentous occasion did not survive photo processing. Please join me in congratulating Ron and his crew for a job well done.

ZOO RECOGNITION

I am pleased to report that Norman Gershenz, an Animal Keeper at the Zoo, recently received an International Special Recognition Award from The Nature Conservancy. Mr. Gershenz is the founder of the Ecosystem Survival Program (ESP), including the Adopt an Acre rain forest preservation project. He was recognized for ESP's Conservation Parking Meters, which gather coins in zoos and aquariums around the country to buy acreage in threatened rain forests in Costa Rica.

CANDLESTICK PARK LABOR STRIFE

There have been Labor Council sanctioned pickets at Candlestick Park for over a week. The Mayor's Office and the Chief Administrative Officer continue to seek a resolution between the unions and Berrios Brothers Construction Company, Inc., the non-union general contractor working at Candlestick Park. There has been some disruption to both the ongoing contracted renovation work and the field preparation by Recreation and Park Department crews. An interim agreement was reached yesterday which allows City employees unchallenged access and egress at the Stadium.

GRAND JURY REPORT ON GOLF COURSES

The Civil Grand Jury has issued a report on the Department's performance on monitoring contracts at Sharp Park and Harding Golf Courses. Staff is in the process of preparing a response which will be available at the Candlestick Park, Yacht Harbor and Golf Committee meeting on March 4.

LARSEN PLANE

Amber Williams of Naval Air Command in Washington D.C., has informed us that the scheduled Larsen plane sale for scrap metal has fallen through and that the way is now clear to donate the plane to the Pacific Coast Air Museum in Windsor, California. The Naval Air Command is in the process of preparing a Conditional Deed of Gift.

3. **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)**

EXPANDED ZOO PARTNERSHIP

The Board of Supervisors' Government Efficiency and Labor Committee approved the resolution supporting the concept of the Expanded Zoo Partnership by a 3-0 vote yesterday. The resolution goes to the full Board on February 22.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

I am pleased to report that construction contracts are to be awarded on two important projects--Golden Gate Park Bandstand aka Spreckels Temple of Music and Portsmouth Square Phase II Renovation.

The Bandstand, severely damaged by the 1989 Loma Prieta Earthquake, will be restored in time to be re-dedicated at the Mid-Winter Fair Centennial next year.

Portsmouth Square Phase II Renovation will entail rehabilitation of the upper portion of the plaza and provide a new children's play area, new landscaping, benches, new paving and installation of the Goddess of Democracy.

EARTHQUAKE SAFETY PLANNING ASSESSMENT PROGRAM

The Department of Public Works has just completed seismic assessment and structural reports of 15 key Recreation and Park facilities. Three of the facilities--McLaren Lodge, Portola Recreation Center and Hamilton Recreation Center--received a "4" rating, indicating the risk of high damage occurring during a severe earthquake. Eight facilities received a "3" rating. All eleven facilities are candidates for the Earthquake Safety Program Phase 3 Bond Program that may be brought before the voters in June 1994.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Dr. Galen Cranz, noted architectural sociologist and author of The Politics of Park Design, will present a lecture illuminating the history of ideas of what parks should accomplish for people and cities. The lecture and slide presentation will be held on March 3 at 7:00 p.m., in the Trustee's Auditorium at the de Young Museum. The event is sponsored by the Friends of Recreation and Parks to encourage public awareness and participation in the update of the Golden Gate Park Master Plan.

CALIFORNIA AND PACIFIC SOUTHWEST RECREATION AND PARK CONFERENCE

The San Francisco Recreation and Park Department is the local host for this year's conference. It has been over a year since staff has had major roles to play in putting on the conference. Over 2,000 delegates are expected to be in attendance. Registration badges are available for any events you may wish to attend. The opening ceremony should be one of the highlights, but you may find the educational programs of equal interest if your schedule permits. At your places you will find an excerpt from the conference brochure outlining the institutes and educational sessions.

3. **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)**

THIRD ANNUAL BLACK HISTORY CELEBRATION

The Third Annual Black History Celebration and kickoff was held on February 8 at Ocean View Playground, where over 200 families and friends enjoyed an evening of rousing gospel music performed by children and adult choirs from throughout the community. It was very encouraging to see so many participants and individuals from the community utilizing the facility. A Rap Contest, held on February 12, at Glen Park was also very well attended with over 150 youth and adults present for an evening of hard thumping rap music written, produced and performed by youth from various recreation centers.

Other activities will include a presentation on Black Inventors and Fashions from the Past at Herz Playground on February 19, and a special basketball game between players from our Late Night League and radio personalities from Station KDIA on February 20 at Kezar Pavilion. All the events are created and coordinated by the staff at the Hamilton Teen Center.

SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS

The following claim, under $5,000, was settled by the City Attorney's Office during the month of January 1993:

Smith, Maurine R.....$2,278.78

DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday, February 24, 1993	Recreation Program Committee Meeting; 3:30 p.m., Ocean View Recreation Center, Capitol Avenue and Montana Street
Thursday, February 25, 1993	Golden Gate Park Master Plan Public Meeting; 7:00 p.m., County Fair Building
Monday, March 1, 1993	Golden Gate Park Committee Meeting; 4:00 p.m., McLaren Lodge
Tuesday, March 2, 1993	Parks and Planning Committee Meeting; 4:00 p.m., McLaren Lodge
Wednesday, March 3, 1993	Joint Zoo Committee Meeting; 4:30 p.m. tour, 5:00 p.m. meeting, Education Classroom, S.F. Zoo
Wednesday, March 3, 1993	"Parks for People and Cities" lecture and slide presentation by Dr. Galen Cranz; 7:00 p.m., Trustee's Auditorium, de Young Museum
Thursday, March 4, 1993	Finance and Administration Committee Meeting; 4:00 p.m., McLaren Lodge
Thursday, March 11 through Sunday, March 14, 1993	California and Pacific Southwest Recreation and Park Conference; Civic Auditorium
Wednesday, March 17, 1993	St. Patrick's Day Lunch, Stern Grove"

4. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

All matters listed hereunder constitute a Consent Calendar, are considered to be routine by the Recreation and Park Commission and will be acted upon by a single roll call vote of the Commission. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member so requests, in which event the matter shall be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered as a separate item.

On motion of Commissioner Eickman, seconded by Commissioner Immendorf, ratification of the following resolutions, which are processed under Resolution No. 13572:

a. **PERSONNEL MATTERS** — **RES. NO. 16554**

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies the actions taken by the General Manager regarding personnel matters during the period January 5, 1993 through February 3, 1993.

b. **SPECIAL NEEDS DIVISION** — **RES. NO. 16555**
SNOW TRIP

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies the Special Needs Division (Project Insight) snow trip to Bear Valley from January 15, 1993 through January 17, 1993.

c. **MIDNIGHT BASKETBALL TEAM** — **RES. NO. 16556**
WEEKEND TRIP

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies the weekend trip to Seattle on February 5-6, 1993, by the Midnight Basketball Team.

d. **GOLDEN GATE PARK** — **RES. NO. 16557**
NINTH AVENUE AND FULTON STREET
PLAY AREA

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves fencing a portion of Children's Playground at Ninth Avenue and Fulton Street.

e. **GOLDEN GATE PARK** — **RES. NO. 16558**
MUSIC CONCOURSE
MULTIPLE DAY EVENT

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the Multiple Day Event at the Music Concourse in Golden Gate Park on Wednesday, May 5, 1993 through Sunday, May 9, 1993, for the 7th San Francisco Youth Arts Festival.

f. **BALBOA PARK** — **RES. NO. 16559**
SHADING BY PROPOSED CITY COLLEGE LIBRARY

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the finding of "No Significant Impact" of shading of Balboa Park by the Proposed City College Library.

4. **CONSENT CALENDAR (Continued)**

g. **MILTON MEYER RECREATION CENTER** **RES. NO. 16560**
AGREEMENT WITH HUNTERS POINT BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies the agreement with the Hunters Point Boys and Girls Club for use of Milton Meyer Recreation Center.

h. **CIVIC CENTER PLAZA** **RES. NO. 16561**
AWARD OF CONTRACT

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the award of contract to Golden Bay Construction in the amount of $173,590 for construction of a play area at Civic Center Plaza.

i. **APPROVAL OF CONTRACT** **RES. NO. 16562**
SAN FRANCISCO LEAGUE OF URBAN GARDENERS (SLUG)

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves contract with San Francisco League of Urban Gardeners in the amount of $172,000 to include design development and construction services for the renovation of Alioto Mini Park.

GENERAL CALENDAR

5. **SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS**
FEE INCREASE REQUEST

Consideration by the San Francisco Zoological Society to increase food and beverage items at the San Francisco Zoological Gardens, effective 2/19/93.

Zoo Director, David Anderson, explained that food and beverage prices at the Zoo were increased in April 1991. Of the 51 menu items offered at the Zoological Gardens, 19 will be deleted, 15 will remain at the current price and 19 will have their price increased. There has been an increase in labor and food costs. Mr. Anderson further explained that the Zoological Society has invested $300,000 in capital improvements to the cafes and concession stands.

President Orr explained that the Joint Zoo Committee visited the renovated cafe facilities and felt the price increase request was reasonable.

On recommendation of the Joint Zoo Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Sommer, seconded by Commissioner Ruiz, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16563

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the request by the San Francisco Zoological Society to increase the following food and beverage items at the San Francisco Zoological Gardens, effective 2/19/93:

5. **SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS**
FEE INCREASE REQUEST (Continued)

RES. NO. 16563
(Continued)

ITEM	CURRENT	APPROVED
Hot dog (4 to a pound)	$2.75	$2.75
Hot dog (8 to a pound)	1.65	1.85
Chili dog (4 to a pound)	3.25	3.25
Hamburger (4 to a pound)	2.45	2.50
Cheeseburger (4 to a pound)	2.65	2.75
Ham sandwich (4 oz.)	3.95	3.95
Turkey sandwich (4 oz.)	3.95	3.95
Grilled chicken sandwich (4 oz.)	3.00	3.50 (fixins)
Polish sausage with sauerkraut (4 to a pound)	3.50	3.50
Fish and chips (6/1 oz pieces)	3.50	3.50
Coke, Diet Coke, Cherry Coke, Sprite, Iced Tea (12 oz.)	1.15	1.25
(16 oz.)	1.40	1.50
(32 oz. souv. cup)	2.50	2.75 w/whistle
Apple juice, orange juice, lemonade, tropical punch (12 oz.)	1.15	1.15
Coffee, decaf, tea (10 oz.)	.95	.95
Hot chocolate (10 oz.)	.95	.95
Milk (8 oz.)	.55	.75
Apple cider (12 oz.)	1.00	1.00
Baked potato with broccoli & cheese	2.35	2.75 w/toppings
Popcorn (1.5 oz.)	1.40	1.50
Pretzels (5.5 oz.)	1.40	1.75
Cotton candy	1.40	1.75
Churros (16")	1.40	1.75
Apple turnover	1.00	1.00
Peanuts (3 oz.)	.95	.95
Pink popcorn (1-1/4 oz.)	.95	.95
French fries (8.75 oz.)	1.40	1.50
Onion rings (6.75 oz.)	1.65	1.75
Pizza, Pepperoni (6")	1.65	1.95
Animal crackers (1-3/4 oz.)	.70	1.00
Icee (14 oz.)	1.15	1.25
Chocolate Chip Cookie GIANT	.90	1.25
Frozen yogurt (4 oz.)	1.40	1.40
Softee ice cream (4 oz.)	1.40	1.40
Haagen Dazs ice cream bar (4 oz.)	2.10	2.50

6. **OPEN SPACE PROGRAM**
5-YEAR PLAN

Approval of the 5-year plan for the Open Space Program as recommended by the Park and Open Space Citizens Advisory Committee.

Assistant General Manager for Administration, Phil Arnold, explained that this item is the annual update of the Open Space Plan. This plan is used as a guide for the specific annual allocation recommendations which are presented to the Commission. This year's 5-year plan has been modified to include more complete project descriptions and accessibility needs as required by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

6. **OPEN SPACE PROGRAM**
5-YEAR PLAN (Continued)

Anticipated revenues for 1993-94 total $16 Million of which 40% will be allocated to maintain acquired properties. Administrative expenses total approximately $600,000, 12% is allocated for the operation of the After School Program and the remainder is allocated to acquisition, development and renovation of projects. The specific recommendations for those projects will be submitted to the Commission in the next few months.

One of the major changes in the 5-Year Plan is that multi-year projects are identified by how much money has been allocated in previous years with an estimate of how much Open Space funding is required to complete them. Some of the renovation projects are continuous such as lighting, fencing, etc. The Open Space Committee has decided that groups should be established next year to review these on-going programs. A section is included for new operating and maintenance costs which quantifies the on-going cost of making capital improvements. Finally, the 5-Year Plan lists all of the projects that were considered by the Open Space Citizens Advisory Committee.

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Eickman, seconded by Commissioner Sommer, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16564

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the 5-year plan for the Open Space Program as recommended by the Park and Open Space Citizens Advisory Committee.

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President Orr commended the members of the Open Space Advisory Committee and the staff who have dedicated many hours of work to develop this plan.

7. **GOLDEN GATE PARK TENNIS CONCESSION**
REJECTION OF BIDS

Consideration to reject all bids for the Golden Gate Park Tennis Concession.

Assistant General Manager for Administration, Phil Arnold, explained that staff has concluded that the 4 bids received for the Golden Gate Park Tennis concession should be rejected. One of the bids is being recommended for rejection because the financial backing did not materialize; the other 3 are being recommended for rejection because staff does not believe that they provide as much revenue to the Department as it is currently able to generate from the facility by self-operation.

The Department developed a bid package that would not require layoffs, provided additional revenue opportunities to the potential concessionaire and provided that revenues currently generated from the GGP tennis complex be put into an escrow account to help maintain the tennis courts.

7. **GOLDEN GATE PARK TENNIS CONCESSION**
REJECTION OF BIDS (Continued)

Mr. Arnold said that the bid package also included a neighborhood park tennis teaching concession with the hope that these revenues would equal the revenues generated through court fees. Last year, tennis court fees were $50,000. The projected income for 1993, due to a fee increase, is $80-90,000. Currently, tennis court fees are placed into the Revenue Fund and are used to offset non-salary costs Department-wide. The bid package was tailored to place those fees into a maintenance fund for the tennis court complex.

The bids received were focused on the GGP tennis complex and not on the neighborhood parks teaching concession and, as a result, the Department's rental payment and court fee payment was modest. The summary of the proposals submitted gave the Department a base rent ranging from $2000 a year to $20,000 a year. That base rent is based on tennis lessons, snack bars, pro shop, etc., but not tennis court fees, The court fees ranged from a $15,000 guarantee versus $80-90,000 that the Department now receives.

If the bid package is done again, Mr. Arnold proposed that staff specify a guaranteed minimum bid and to have the Department perform some of the capital improvements needed for the clubhouse before going out to bid. His objective was to keep the Department solvent and to provide an escrow fund to maintain the GGP tennis complex. The bids received did not fulfill either of these objectives.

Commissioner Chan asked Mr. Arnold to speculate the percentage of staff time allocated to the operation of the GGP tennis court operation.

Mr. Arnold said the gardener spends 50% of his time at the tennis complex and outlying areas; the custodian spends no more than 2-4 hours a day. **Superintendent of Recreation, Joel Robinson,** stated that the recreation directors spend 85-90% of their time at the GGP tennis courts.

Mr. Arnold explained to the prospective bidders at the pre-bid conference that the Department was not trying to make money nor lose money. He said everyone recognizes that the facility is in need of repair. Staff was trying to find a way to bring money to the complex without taking money out of the existing court rental programs.

Commissioner Chan inquired about the highest bidder, Humberto Diaz, and asked if his bid was rejected based on his inability to generate financial information. Mr. Arnold explained that Mr. Diaz never submitted financial backing to demonstrate he could fulfill the bid. Mr. Diaz was given 2 months to demonstrate that he had obtained the loan which was critical to his proposal. Staff would have accepted a letter from a bank with the intent to loan the money.

General Manager, Mary E. Burns, explained that the land use issue contemplated by Mr. Diaz's bid had not been addressed by the Parks and Planning Committee.

7. **GOLDEN GATE PARK TENNIS CONCESSION**
REJECTION OF BIDS (Continued)

Commissioner Immendorf said the bid package should have contained a guaranteed minimum bid. He asked if another bid package would be prepared by staff.

Mr. Arnold said that it is staff's intent to prepare another bid package with a minimum bid requirement and that the tennis operation should be done within the confines of the existing building.

President Orr said that the neighborhood teaching program is an important component. Mr. Arnold said perhaps the neighborhood tennis teaching program should be part of a different bid package. Staff is now reviewing that concept.

Richard Scheerer, explained that he runs the youth program for the Golden Gate Park tennis courts and has witnessed many talented children. He said youths do not have to join private clubs. He was opposed to having a private concession because he felt it would change the atmosphere and camaraderie that currently exists in the park. He was concerned that changing the tennis court complex would negatively impact disadvantaged children who would have no place to play tennis.

Mitch Keil, representing the Golden Gate Tennis Club, said the Club began in 1901 and is a volunteer club. Mr. Keil said the Club did not like the results of the Finance and Administration Committee, met with the General Manager and Mr. Arnold, and formulated its own recommendation for the Commission. He asked that the 3 other bids not be thrown out and that staff be directed to negotiate a contract with these bidders for presentation to the Finance Committee. He said that putting the package out to bid again is a lengthy process and that the Department was fortunate that anyone submitted a bid because of the capital improvements needed at the tennis court complex.

Ariel Andres, said that any contemplated changes in management of the tennis courts should still preserve open public access. The 3 proposals that will be rejected provide for full public access to the courts on a similar basis to what now exists. The Humberto Diaz proposal called for 1000 memberships at $375 a year. She felt that the Diaz bid would have precluded the public from using the courts and that it would have been a private tennis club. She noted that the local newspapers wrote editorials in opposition to Mr. Diaz's concession and that people are opposed to turning it into a private club but do not object to private management.

Ralph Silberman, was disappointed that all of the bids were rejected. Mr. Silberman is a member of the Golden Gate Tennis Club and felt it was outrageous to reject all of the bids. He felt that staff only focused on the lucrative bid and that it was important to maintain the character of the courts.

7. **GOLDEN GATE PARK TENNIS CONCESSION**
REJECTION OF BIDS (Continued)

Jacques Cusin, explained that he was one of the bidders and was confused by the presentation made by staff. Staff said that the GGP tennis complex was losing approximately $100,000 a year and that his bid was unequivocal. Mr. Cusin said his bid would rid the City of any operating costs, would resurface the courts and provide much needed capital improvements. He said that the City has not performed any capital improvements in years and that he wanted an opportunity to discuss his bid in detail with staff. He felt that staff was unclear in presenting their objectives to the bidders.

Evelyn Kramer, said the City has not maintained the Golden Gate Park tennis courts facility and that if a concessionaire assumed responsibility for those tennis courts it would free the Department to resurface the many other neighborhood tennis courts. She enumerated the number of tennis courts in need of resurfacing including the Vicente courts, Dupont courts and Alta Plaza.

Mary Casserly, a member of the Golden Gate Tennis Club, said she has played in Golden Gate Park since 1960s and benefited from the youth program at those courts. She said the courts were once thriving but have declined in recent years. She did not want to see the flavor of the park nor the public nature of the tennis complex to change but felt it was in dire need of repairs.

Spencer Kern, said he plays tennis quite a bit and suggested that the Commission contact other cities to see how other agencies use private operations.

Jim B. Clarke, said that the fees were increased last year and that the first five months of income is up 34%. He felt the increase in revenues will reduce the $100,000 operating deficit and that the courts need to be utilized to a greater extent. He said that one of the concepts of private management is that the concessionaire would market the courts for more participation and will generate more revenues. He felt there has been a downturn in utilization of the courts. He said that a smaller number of people are being asked to pay more money to use the courts and that the quality of service had declined. He said that none of the revenues from the courts are used to maintain or improve the clubhouse. He suggested that the bids be reviewed again before they are rejected.

Greg Gaar, representing Haight Ashbury Neighborhood Council and the Park and Open Space Citizens' Advisory Committee, said that the Open Space Committee sent a letter to the Commission opposing (1) the privatization of the GGP tennis complex, (2) the light towers, and (3) the expansion of the clubhouse. He said the land use issue is critical and that Golden Gate Park is the City's sacred treasure. He felt that any future bids should not contemplate expansion of the clubhouse or light towers. He urged the Commission to protect the park.

Commissioner Chan said he supported rejecting the bids and felt that staff and the bidders did not communicate on the Department's objectives. He was concerned about the request to re-evaluate the 3 remaining bids and felt it would be unwise to continue reviewing those bids.

7. **GOLDEN GATE PARK TENNIS CONCESSION**
REJECTION OF BIDS (Continued)

Commissioner Eickman concurred with Commissioner Chan and said that greater emphasis should be given to the bid package stipulating that expansion of the clubhouse or installation of lighting will not be permitted. He said that many people are opposed to leasing the tennis courts and if the bids do not generate sufficient revenue there may be no need to privatize the operation. He said that there are many issues for staff to consider.

A discussion ensued regarding the preparation of another bid package. Staff needed to review many of the issues raised today. The Commission did not want staff to be under a deadline to prepare a new bid package. Mr. Arnold said there is a fear that having a private operation means public access will not be maintained. It was suggested that the bid package should contain language stating that a minimum number of courts must be reserved for public access.

President Orr apologized for the inconvenience and misunderstanding that may have occurred on this issue. He said that Mr. Arnold was given the task of developing a package that preserved public access at a reasonable fee and that gave the Department a stream of income to maintain the facility.

On recommendation of the Finance and Administration Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Eickman, seconded by Commissioner Chan, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16565

RESOLVED, That this Commission rejects all bids for the Golden Gate Park Tennis Concession, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That this Commission directs staff to prepare another bid package for the Golden Gate Park Tennis Court Concession.

8. **SOUTH END ROWING CLUB**
INCREASE IN LOCKER/KEY FEES

Approval to increase annual locker and key fees at South End Rowing Club.

Assistant General Manager for Administration, Phil Arnold, explained that there is an annual membership fee for the South End Rowing Club. Mr. Arnold enumerated the locker and key fee increase requests and explained that the revenues generated from these fees will be used to fund extraordinary expenses such as painting the building. The Club has discussed this proposal with their general membership at a dinner and through its newsletter. A new electronic locking system is being installed and a key fee shall be imposed for new members.

On recommendation of the Finance and Administration Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Sommer, seconded by Commissioner Immendorf, the following resolution was adopted:

8. **SOUTH END ROWING CLUB** RES. NO. 16566
INCREASE IN LOCKER/KEY FEES (Continued)

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves an increase in the annual locker and key fees at South End Rowing Club, effective 2/19/93, as follows:

°Lockers from $55 to $110
°New member key fees from $3 to $15.

9. **RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT**
WORKERS' COMPENSATION REPORT

Presentation of the Recreation and Park Department's Workers' Compensation Program.

Safety and Claims Coordinator, Betty Lim, explained that 250 workers' compensation claims were filed in 1990 by Recreation and Park employees; 349 were filed in 1991, and 287 were filed in 1992. This represents an 18% reduction from 1991 to 1992. For the past several years the average number of claims filed per month was 29; in 1992 it fell to 24 per month. Ms. Lim has met with the City's Workers' Compensation Task Force and in the future workers' compensation claims will be managed by a third party administrator. Therefore, the Retirement System will no longer manage the claims. The Retirement Board will soon consider the firm of Noetics, as the City's third party administrator. Ms. Lim was concerned that the recent reduction in State Disability Insurance (SDI) benefits may result in more workers' compensation claims.

In response to President Orr's question, Ms. Lim said that 1 out of 3.5 employees file a workers' compensation claim which is an average figure City-wide.

In response to Commissioner Ruiz's question, Ms. Lim explained the Department does not receive cost figures for the claims although the third party administrator will be able to provide the Department with better financial information.

Commissioner Immendorf commended the Department in reducing workers' compensation claims. He said that currently the City's Retirement System has 450 cases per examiner and that 60% of those examiners are trainees. The request for proposals for the third party administrator carries a caseload that will not exceed 200 per examiner.

9a. **SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS**
INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION

Informational presentation by the San Francisco Giants on the improvements contemplated at Candlestick Park.

General Manager, Mary E. Burns, explained that this item is being presented as an informational item to the Commission rather than through the normal Committee/Commission process. She explained that the change in the ownership has resulted in the "new" Giants trying to complete many projects in time for opening day. The Commission will formally consider all of the Giants' stadium and concession improvements in March 1993.

9a. **SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS**
INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION (Continued)

Jack F. Bair, Director of Legal & Governmental Affairs, San Francisco Giants, explained that he wanted to give the Commission a brief overview of what the Giants have proposed for the 1993 baseball season. He said that the Giants have been meeting with Recreation and Park staff on these issues. Last month, the Giants developed a package of changes which they hope that will bring people back to Candlestick Park and make it a pleasant and enjoyable experience for the fans.

Mr. Bair said that mindful of the City's budget problems, the Giants have agreed to fund all of these changes. He further explained that there may be some aspects that the Giants may want to recapture whenever the lease compromise is addressed by the Board of Supervisors. For the most part, the Giants are pledging to pay for everything and approve a plan that is acceptable to everyone. Mr. Bair outlined the changes:

Reserved Bleachers The Giants propose to place new bleachers behind the left field fence. The current configuration is a chain link fence, a large area with no seating, and then the General Admission seats. Mr. Bair said those seats are widely under-utilized, are not the best seats to observe the game, and are set far back from the playing field. The Giants have proposed to place new bleachers that will come right down to the left field fence, similar to Wrigley Field, so the fans will be right at the field. Homeruns will land in the bleacher section and will give the impression of a smaller, more intimate facility. General Admission seats will no longer be sold and will actually be blocked by the new bleachers. The new bleacher section will reduce the number of seats in this area of the stadium.

Ms. Burns said the bleacher section will be for baseball only and will add to the conversion process for football.

In response to Commissioner Eickman's question, Ms. Burns said the conversion will increase the time it takes to convert the stadium from baseball to football.

George Costa, representing the San Francisco Giants, said the bleachers will be made of aluminum with approximately 30 seats to each row. The bleachers were designed by Thorton Architects and manufactured by Sturdy Steel Corporation. Prior to manufacturing the bleachers, the Giants met with the company that currently does the conversions at Candlestick (Sheedy Company), along with Nibbi Brothers and customized ways to minimize the conversion. The bleachers will be "broken down", picked up with a crane and taken to the center field area. As the retractable seats come out for football, the bleachers will be moved and stored under the retractable seats.

Mr. Costa further explained that in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), the Giants must provide 1% of the total amount of seats to disabled access. These seats will be located at the left centerfield corner, the left field corner and the right center. The chain link fence will have a plywood back and a padded front. Portable food and restroom services will be available in these areas in accordance with ADA.

9a. **SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS**
INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION (Continued)

Mr. Costa explained that each conversion will cost approximately $17,000.

Mr. Burns said the increased cost for the conversion will be borne by the Giants. She further explained that the bleachers are being designed with the contractor that currently does the conversion for the Department. Their contract will soon expire and will be re-bid. Ms. Burns was very concerned that the conversion could be done by any firm that is awarded the new bid and that the Department does not end up in a situation where the Giants have one contractor doing their part of the conversion and the Department has a different contractor doing another aspect of the conversion. These are some of the issues that are still being resolved.

Mr. Bair said that the Giants feel that one firm should perform the entire conversion.

In response to Commissioner Sommer's question, Mr. Costa said that it is projected that moving the bleachers will take 12-14 hours.

Ms. Burns said there is a provision in the lease which gives the Giants rights to the stadium 36 hours prior to each game. When the Pope visited Candlestick Park in 1987 the Giants waived those rights and informed the Department that they would no longer waive that right under any circumstances.

Mr. Bair said that he did not know the actual increment of time it will take to move the bleachers but that they were amenable to waiving the 36 hour rule whenever it made sense to do so. He said the Giants intend to be cooperative.

Mr. Costa said the Giants have a commitment from the manufacturer of the bleacher to be on-site for the first two conversions to make sure things run smoothly. The original cost to manufacture the bleachers was $300,000. After customizing the bleachers to minimize conversion factors the price escalated to $362,000.

Outfield Fence The current fence is a chain link fence. The Giants will install a forest green fence in the outfield and lower the fence from 10' to 8', making more dramatic plays.

Scoreboard Modifications The Giants are proposing an "out-of-town game" scoreboard be installed above the pavilion seats in the right field area where there currently is no advertising. Mr. Costa displayed the material that will be used for the scoreboard that is non-glare for playing considerations. The scoreboard will be 198' long and 10' high and will not be visible during football games. The Giants will assume the City's obligations to pay for the operation of the scoreboard until such time as the lease concession compromise takes form.

Commissioner Sommer wanted to restrict advertising panels for tobacco. Mr. Arnold said that the Marlboro ad, currently in place at Candlestick, has the right of first refusal and could move its advertising panel closer to the out-of-town scoreboard.

9a. **SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS**
INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION (Continued)

Food/Beverage/Novelty Services Mr. Bair said when the new owners took over in January there was an effort to survey concession companies in the United States and to meet with Harry M. Stevens to review the food service operation at Candlestick Park. There have been fan complaints about the concession services over the years. The Giants are in the process of negotiating a change in the concessionaire. The Giants hope the new concessionaire will upgrade to the concession stands in the ballpark. Currently, there is one point of sale for every 296 customers that come to the stadium. Fans have to wait for longer intervals to get food which affects their enjoyment of the game. The concession upgrade would offer one point of sale for every 196 customers decreasing the lines by one-third. These changes will be funded by the new concessionaire and the Giants. The color scheme for the menu boards and concession areas will be consistent with the stadium's dark green color scheme. The Giants asked that there be a greater variety of food items offered. The new food items may include pizza, Mexican food, Chinese food, seafood, clam chowder, crab cakes, Philly cheese steak, deli sandwiches, chili, fresh cut french fries, sweet shop, gourmet coffee drinks, as well as the traditional ballpark fare.

Mr. Bair said that he hoped to have a final food and beverage list for presentation at the Candlestick Park, Golf, and Yacht Harbor Committee.

Parking Increase Mr. Bair proposed increasing the cost to park automobiles at Candlestick Park by $1.00 as the Oakland Coliseum did last year.

Candlestick Park Groundskeeping Mr. Costa said that currently the City maintains the outfield and warning track; the Giants maintain the infield and pitcher's mound area. The Giants feel it makes sense to have one crew maintain the entire field. The Giants think highly of the City's groundskeeper crew and Mr. Bill Buckley, the head groundskeeper, is a professional who works well with Candlestick's baseball and football teams. Mr. Costa asked the Department to prepare a cost estimate to have the Department maintain the infield and pitcher's mound area.

Commissioner Sommer emphasized the point that fans who are on fixed incomes or who are retired must be considered. She said that removing the $2.75 ticket may impact them and wanted the Giants to take care to promote and advertise reduced rates and special packages for seniors, youth etc.

Mr. Bair said that senior citizen discounts are offered at half-price for the majority of the games. He also noted that the upper reserved seat prices were reduced.

Mr. Costa said the Giants are committed to making baseball affordable for people.

Ms. Burns said a meeting is scheduled with Jack Bair, Jan Hutchins, the Giants Community Affairs Director, and Larry Baer, Executive Vice President of the Giants, to coordinate the Department's recreation programs with the Giants and to give them a list of public agencies in Northern California so that Bay Area agencies can be served.

4:15 p.m. - 5:05 p.m.
The Commission convened in Executive Session regarding Items #10 and 11.

10. RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT
EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Commission convened in Executive Session to consider a personnel matter.

11. SETTLEMENT OF CLAIM

On recommendation of the Finance and Administration Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Sommer, seconded by Commissioner Immendorf, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16567

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the settlement of claim of Lauri Baptie vs. the City and County of San Francisco in the amount of $500,000.

5:05 p.m. Commissioner Immendorf left the meeting.

12. PUBLIC COMMENT

At this time members of the public may address the Commission on items that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Recreation and Park Commission. Members of the public may address the Commission for up to three minutes. The President or the Commission may limit the total testimony to 30 minutes.

John Steffan, asked the Commission to consider exempting him from paying the transfer fee for one of the boats that is berthed at the Marina Yacht Harbor. He explained that he has been at the Marina Green for 18 years. Nine years ago he talked to another berth holder and a partnership was formed with Mr. Joe. Although Mr. Steffan's name was never officially placed on the slip, he has been sharing the expenses with Mr. Joe. The transfer policy was modified a few years ago and Mr. Steffan is required to pay a transfer fee. He felt it was unfair to have to pay this fee since he has been sharing the expenses for the last 9 years. He said he was unaware of the change in the transfer policy.

General Manager, Mary E. Burns, explained that Mr. Steffan should write a letter to the Department and if the matter cannot be handled administratively, then the appeal process would be to the Commission.

13. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Orr commended the General Manager, David Anderson, the Zoo Director, Peggy Burks, Executive Director of the Zoological Society, and members of the Zoological Society for their diligent efforts in the successful vote received from the Board of Supervisors' Government Efficiency and Labor Committee, to adopt the Zoo's expanded partnership. He urged his fellow commissioners to contact members of the Board of Supervisors and endorse the expanded partnership at the Zoo.

14. COMMISSION COMMITTEE REPORTS

The following Commission Committee reports were submitted for the record:

Joint Zoo Committee Meeting of January 6, 1993
Recreation Program Committee Meeting of January 27, 1993
Golden Gate Park Committee Meeting of February 1, 1993
Parks and Planning Committee Meeting of February 2, 1993
Finance and Yacht Harbor Committee Meeting of February 4, 1993

15. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Commissioner Eickman, the meeting was adjourned in memory of Marilyn Christensen, mother of Mark Christensen, Plumbing Supervisor for the Recreation and Park Department.

On motion of Commissioner Sommer, the meeting was adjourned in memory of Virginia Schofield, mother of Nancy Schofield, Bird Curator at the San Francisco Zoological Gardens.

On motion of Commissioner Chan, the meeting was adjourned in memory of Rodney Reid, a park guide with Friends of Recreation and Park and a docent at the Arboretum, who passed away recently.

On motion of Commissioner Ruiz, the meeting was adjourned in memory of Norman Jussaume, father of Norm Jussaume, the Department's Management Information Specialist, who passed away recently.

There being no further business, the 679th Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shauna Marie Rose
Commission Secretary

Note: These minutes set forth all actions taken by the Recreation and Park Commission on matters stated, but not necessarily the chronological order in which the matters were taken up.

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RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION

MINUTES

680TH REGULAR MEETING

THURSDAY, MARCH 18, 1993 - 2:00 P.M.

The Six Hundred and Eightieth Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Thursday, March 18, 1993, at 2:00 p.m. by President Trent W. Orr.

1. ROLL CALL

Present:
Commissioner Trent W. Orr, President
Commissioner Sidney Chan
Commissioner Keith Eickman
Commissioner Bella Farrow
Commissioner Santiago Ruiz (noted present at 2:15 p.m.)
Commissioner Sue Sommer
Absent:
Commissioner Jack Immendorf, Vice President

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Commissioner Chan, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 18, 1993, were approved as presented.

Approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Commissioners Orr, Chan, Eickman, Farrow, Sommer
Absent: Commissioners Immendorf, Ruiz

3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

General Manager, Mary E. Burns, submitted the following report:

"INTRODUCTION OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, FRIENDS OF RECREATION AND PARKS

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce Donna Ernstson, who has been hired as Executive Director of the Friends of Recreation and Parks effective April 1, 1993. Donna brings with her experience in communications, financial management, development, fundraising and organizational administration. Her background includes a management position with an international manufacturer, a development and communications position at University High School and a volunteer recruitment, community relations and management position with the Camp Fire organization. Please join me in welcoming Donna.

JENNI PADUA

Jenni Padua, a member of the Recreation and Park Department's Young People's Teen Musical Theatre Company, has been selected for role of Kim in the National Touring Company production of "Miss Saigon" and will be touring the country as part of the production in March. Jenni, a 19-year-old San Francisco native, auditioned for the Young People's Teen Musical Theatre Company when she was 15 and most recently performed the role of Maggie in "A Chorus Line" in January 1993. She presently attends San Francisco State University as a Music major. She is also a songwriter and has just been signed to a record contract.

RECOGNITION - JIM BUICK

Jim Buick, Program Director for the Multi-Service Center of the Department of Social Services and a resident in the Parkside District, was instrumental in helping the police find the individuals who were doing "wheelies" in Parkside Playground recently. Jim made the initial call to the police and subsequently identified, at 4:30 a.m., the vehicle involved which lead to the apprehension of the culprits. Damage to the park was approximately $5,000. I would like to acknowledge Jim's assistance and request that the Commission send him a letter of thanks.

DIESEL SPILL

On the night of February 9, an estimated 100 gallons of diesel fuel were illegally dumped in the West Basin of the Yacht Harbor. Through the diligent and persistent efforts of Harry Hanssen, the Assistant Marina Manager on duty, not only was the offender identified but a fire on board the vessel in question was extinguished. Harry's quick action saved the Harbor from a potential disaster. The case is being handled by the Coast Guard, which is filing civil, and possibly criminal, charges against the owner of the vessel. The clean-up costs of this event, an estimated $20,000, are being borne by the federal government.

MAYOR'S COMMUNITY MEETINGS ON CITY BUDGET

At your places is a copy of the Mayor's press release announcing the schedule of community meetings he will be holding on the City budget. I would encourage you to have interested residents whom you know to be concerned about budget reductions already affecting this Department to attend and talk about this Department as a budget priority.

3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)

EXPANSION OF TEEN PROGRAM

The kick-off for the citywide expanded Teen Program will take place April 5 through April 10. Areas of focus will include teen employment, personal development, fitness and health, teen parenting education and cultural arts. Please refer to the March issue of San Francisco Teen at your places for specific sites and programs. This represents a major new emphasis for the Recreation Division and the is the result of two years of planning and staff development conducted by Joel Robinson, Nan Neal and Lorraine Lampkin. Congratulations to all involved.

PUBLIC FORUM ON CANDLESTICK PARK

I have been invited by the Community Action Committee of the San Francisco Independent Booster Club to participate in a public forum on March 20 at Southeast Community College. Representatives from the 49'ers, Giants and Muni, among others, have also been invited to participate on the panel. The subject of the forum is Candlestick Park and what might be done to improve facilities there for professional baseball and football.

SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS

The following claims, under $5,000, were settled by the City Attorney's Office during the month of February 1993:

Willers, Christopher	$ 610.20	Toatelegese, Mapu.....	$ 70.00
Loutzenheiser, Roy C.....	79.32	Curran, John F.....	180.00
Nelson, Carol A.....	65.00	Young, Betty Nilson.....	430.85
Palmer, John F.....	345.87	Glazov, Elizabeth.....	663.06
Dedionisio, Larry.....	526.23	Lindsay, Anthony.....	408.77
Gimbert, David.....	1,426.28	Ruelos, Ron.....	406.63
Contreras, Edward.....	189.38	Howell, Doug.....	191.84
King, Cynthia R.....	1,817.55	Mendelsohn, Victor & Glo	89.34

RETIREMENTS

Marlyn Heer	3289	Recreation Supervisor	26 years

DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday, March 23, 1993	Cherry Blossom Preview; 12:00-1:00 p.m.; Japanese Tea Garden
Wednesday, March 24, 1993	Recreation Program Committee Meeting; 3:30 p.m.; Julius Kahn Playground, West Pacific and Spruce
Thursday, April 1, 1993	Cherry Blossom Festival Lunch; 12:00 noon; County Fair Building
Thursday, April 1, 1993	Finance and Administration Committee Meeting; 4:00 p.m.; McLaren Lodge

3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)

DATES TO REMEMBER (Continued)

Monday, April 5, 1993	Golden Gate Park Committee Meeting; 4:00 p.m.; McLaren Lodge
Tuesday, April 6, 1993	Parks and Planning Committee Meeting; 4:00 p.m.; McLaren Lodge
Wednesday, April 7, 1993	Joint Zoo Committee Meeting; 4:30 p.m. tour, 5:00 p.m. meeting; Education Classroom, S.F. Zoo
Thursday, April 15, 1993	Joint City Planning Commission and Recreation and Park Commission Meeting; 5:30 p.m.; Room 282, City Hall"

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In response to President Orr's question, Mary Burns explained that the California Parks and Pacific Southwest Recreation Conference held in San Francisco on March 11-13, 1993 had about 1800 delegates and 300 exhibitors. She explained that the Department was responsible for a number of aspects of the Conference including decorating the hallway, coordinating banquets and award presentation, opening/closing ceremonies, etc. She commended staff who worked diligently on this Conference and felt that the participants were impressed with the Conference.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters listed hereunder constitute a Consent Calendar, are considered to be routine by the Recreation and Park Commission and will be acted upon by a single roll call vote of the Commission. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member so requests, in which event the matter shall be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered as a separate item.

On motion of Commissioner Eickman, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, ratification of the following resolutions, which are processed under Resolution No. 13572:

a. PERSONNEL MATTERS — RES. NO. 16568

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies the actions taken by the General Manager regarding personnel matters during the period February 4, 1993 through March 4, 1993.

b. CIVIC CENTER PLAZA
CINCO DE MAYO FESTIVAL
MULTIPLE DAY EVENT — RES. NO. 16569

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the two day event on Saturday and Sunday, May 1 and 2, 1993, at Civic Center Plaza, for the 27th Annual "Cinco de Mayo" Festival.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR (Continued)

c. **JAPAN PEACE PLAZA** — RES. NO. 16570
MULTIPLE DAY EVENT

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the a multiple day event on two consecutive weekends, Saturday and Sunday, April 17 and 18, 1993, and Saturday and Sunday, April 24 and 25, 1993, at the Peace Plaza at the Japan Center, for the 1993 Cherry Blossom Festival.

e. **GOLDEN GATE PARK/GREAT HIGHWAY** — RES. NO. 16571
ROAD CLOSURES/PERMIT FEE
EXAMINER BAY TO BREAKERS

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the road closures in Golden Gate Park and the Great Highway for the 82nd Annual Examiner Bay To Breakers Race and Celebration on Sunday, May 16, 1993, from 7:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.

f. **GOLDEN GATE PARK** — RES. NO. 16572
S.F. FLOWER SHOW, INC.
REVISED AGREEMENT

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the revised Agreement between the Recreation and Park Department and S. F. Flower Show, Inc. to conduct the San Francisco County Fair/Flower Show for the years 1994, 1995 and 1996.

g. **MILTON MEYER RECREATION CENTER** — RES. NO. 16573
AGREEMENT WITH DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the agreement with the Department of Public Health for the use of space at Milton Meyer Recreation Center.

h. **SOUTH SUNSET RECREATION CENTER** — RES. NO. 16575
SELF HELP FOR THE ELDERLY

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies the Self Help for the Elderly use of South Sunset Recreation Center.

i. **REAL ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM (RAP)** — RES. NO. 16576
MISSION RECREATION CENTER
APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the agreement with Real Alternatives Program (RAP) for collaborative use of Mission Recreation Center for a multi-purpose center.

4. **CONSENT CALENDAR (Continued)**

j. **CHILDREN'S COUNCIL OF SAN FRANCISCO** **RES. NO. 16577**
CO-SPONSORSHIP

RESOLVED, That this Commission shall co-sponsor the week of the Young Child Family Festival at Sigmund Stern Grove in conjunction with the Children's Council of San Francisco.

Approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Commissioners Orr, Chan, Eickman, Farrow, Sommer
Absent: Commissioners Immendorf, Ruiz

Note for the Record: The following item was removed from the Consent Calendar and considered separately.

d. **JUSTIN HERMAN PLAZA**
WASHINGTON SQUARE
MULTIPLE DAY EVENT

Recreation Supervisor, Linda Woo, explained that since the meeting of the Parks and Planning Committee, Soon 3 Theater has requested use of Justin Herman Plaza for 2 additional dates, June 2-3, 1993. She recommended approval with this modification.

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Farrow, seconded by Commissioner Chan, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16577

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the multiple day event at Justin Herman Plaza on Thursdays & Fridays, May 20-21, and May 27-28, 1993, from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m., Wednesday and Thursday, June 2-3, 1993, from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m., and at Washington Square on Saturday, Sunday & Monday, May 29, 30 & 31, 1993, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., for SOON 3 Theater performances of "Air Maze".

Approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Commissioners Orr, Chan, Eickman, Farrow, Sommer
Absent: Commissioners Immendorf, Ruiz

GENERAL CALENDAR

5. **SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS**
ANIMAL TRANSACTIONS

Zoo Director, David Anderson, explained that the siamang has been on loan to the Greater Baton Rouge Zoo for some time and that the animal has now been formally donated to this institution.

On motion of Commissioner Eickman, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

5. **SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS**
ANIMAL TRANSACTIONS (Continued)

RES. NO. 16578

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies the following animal transactions (which were processed under Resolution No. 13572) for the San Francisco Zoological Gardens:

Donated to: Greater Baton Rouge Zoo
P. O. Box 60
Baton Rouge, LA 70764
USDA #72-C-003

One (1) Male Siamang

Approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Commissioners Orr, Chan, Eickman, Farrow, Sommer
Absent: Commissioners Immendorf, Ruiz

6. **RANDOLPH BRIGHT MINI PARK**
PLAYGROUND REHABILITATION

Approval of playground rehabilitation for Randolph Bright Mini Park.

Park Planner, Deborah Learner, explained that the Randolph Bright Mini Park is located in the Oceanview District. The San Francisco Conservation Corps has prepared a simple playground rehabilitation design and is seeking funds through the Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development. Staff has met with the Ocean/Merced/Ingleside (OMI) neighborhood group which has endorsed the plan. The rehabilitation plan will provide play equipment with handicap access and is a simple piece of play equipment that will be placed in the park. Some minor modifications to the sand area will have to be made so that the equipment can be placed in the park.

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Chan, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16579

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the playground rehabilitation for Randolph Bright Mini Park.

Approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Commissioners Orr, Chan, Eickman, Farrow, Sommer
Absent: Commissioners Immendorf, Ruiz

2:15 p.m. Commissioner Ruiz arrived at the meeting.

7. **NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS**
REVISION OF PERMIT FEE

Approval of a revision of the permit fees for non-profit groups and organizations for use of Recreation and Park Department properties.

Superintendent of Recreation, Joel Robinson, explained that this item is in response to the Commission's directive to review the permit fees assessed to non-profit organizations which place fences on Recreation and Park facilities and charge admission fees to their events. Originally, staff proposed a flat 25% across-the-board fee of the gross receipts. Non-profit organizations felt that this fee was extremely high. Therefore, staff met with the affected groups and formulated a permit fee for eligible non-profit organizations which will require a (1) cash payment and (2) reasonable and usable in-kind services to the Department which, in combination, total 25% of the gross gate receipts. This proposal will generate revenue and offer valuable in-kind services to the Department such as placement of information booths at these events to publicize Recreation and Park programs.

Commissioner Chan suggested that some guideline or reasonable fee should be set by the Commission and that it would simplify the fee setting process.

A discussion ensued regarding a reasonable dollar amount. It was agreed that 50% of the value of the permit fee, payable in cash, be established. There was also discussion as to whether the in-kind service should have a time frame in which the service would have to be used. It was agreed that a 50% cash fee be required with no time constraint for the in-kind service.

Commissioner Ruiz was concerned that this policy may affect the permit fee negotiated with the May 1993 Cinco de Mayo event. Mr. Robinson explained that those negotiations were not concluded.

On motion of Commissioner Eickman, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16580

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the following fee for non-profit agencies that charge admission for events on Recreation and Park property:

- a minimum of 50% cash payment toward the permit fee, and
- Realistic, worthy, and usable in-kind services with sufficient value to the Recreation and Park Department, so that, in combination with the cash payment, the total value will equal 25% of the gross gate receipts or $3,000, whichever is greater.

8. **CHILDHOOD LEAD POISONING PREVENTION**
RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT

Approval to adopt a resolution of support for childhood lead poisoning prevention.

President Orr explained that he was contacted by Neil Gendell, who is leader in fighting child lead poisoning in the City. The Recreation and Park Department has done well to inform the public about this problem and he asked the Commission to adopt a resolution of support for this important issue.

8. **CHILDHOOD LEAD POISONING PREVENTION**
RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT (Continued)

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Farrow, seconded by Commissioner Ruiz, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16581

WHEREAS, the San Francisco Public Health Department has determined that all children in San Francisco up to age six are at risk for being poisoned by lead, in particular from older buildings that are painted with leaded paint, but also from other sources including drinking water, soil in yards and playgrounds, and painted swings, slides and other play apparatus; and,

WHEREAS, lead poisoning can be a particularly devastating disease for young children because it affects their ability to develop physically and intellectually and may result in numerous developmental disabilities, including loss of intelligence quotient, hyperactivity, inability to concentrate and more; and studies have shown that moderately lead poisoned children are more likely to have reading disabilities and drop out of school; and,

WHEREAS, lead is toxic to the human body in almost any amount, but children under age six are particularly vulnerable to the effects of lead and exposure to the equivalent of a few grains of sugar a day over a short period of time can poison a young child; and,

WHEREAS, there are no effective medical treatments for the disease other than reducing the level of lead in a child's blood, preventing the child from further exposures to lead, and making sure that his or her diet contains adequate amounts of iron and calcium; and,

WHEREAS, lead poisoning is an entirely preventable disease, and prevention is the only effective way to reduce the risk of childhood lead poisoning; and,

WHEREAS, the Department maintains numerous facilities throughout the City which could contain sources of childhood lead poisoning; and,

WHEREAS, large numbers of children under the age of six participate in activities at those facilities; and,

WHEREAS, there are a number of things the Department can do now to reduce the hazards of lead poisoning under its current construction, repair, maintenance and regular cleaning programs; and,

WHEREAS, there are a number of positive steps the Department can take to educate staff and parents about lead poisoning and how to avoid exposures to lead poisoning hazards; and,

WHEREAS, the Department can help prevent childhood lead poisoning by educating parents about the Child Health Disability Prevention program administered by the Health Department, which program provides free, periodic health examinations for children up to age 18 (children under six will be tested for lead poisoning); and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors by Resolution No. 7-22-92 has urged the Department to help educate parents about lead poisoning; and

8. **CHILDHOOD LEAD POISONING PREVENTION**
RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT (Continued)

WHEREAS, Department staff has already initiated important efforts to inspect the Department's facilities, train its staff and inform parents about the problem; Now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Recreation and Park Commission commends the Department for the staff's current efforts to prevent childhood lead poisoning and supports and encourages its continuing efforts, including inspection and repair of all facilities that might pose a hazard to children and education of staff and parents of children using the Department's facilities about the hazard.

9. **GOLDEN GATE PARK**
TWO-DAY EVENT
OUTDOOR ROLLERSKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Approval for a two-day event on Sunday, May 30, 1993, and Monday, May 31, 1993, for the 10th Annual "San Francisco Outdoor Rollerskating Championships".

Recreation Supervisor, Linda Woo, explained that this is a request to use the closed portion of John F. Kennedy Drive on Memorial Day weekend. The event promoter plans to set up 15 tables for sponsors to display their products but not sell their items. Staff has not had problems with this event. On Sunday there will be races and jumping events and dancing events on Monday. The fee is $300.00 per day and $50.00 for each booth. Banners will be placed at the tables but there will be no advertising on vehicles in the park. The event promoter has appealed the permit fee to the April meeting of the Finance and Administration Committee.

On recommendation of the Golden Gate Park Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Chan, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16582

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the two-day event in Golden Gate Park on Sunday, May 30, 1993, and Monday, May 31, 1993, for the 10th Annual "San Francisco Outdoor Rollerskating Championships", and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the three vehicles to be parked at the race site will not contain advertising and that the appeal of the permit fee will be considered at the April meeting of the Finance and Administration Committee.

10. **CANDLESTICK PARK**
AWARD OF CONTRACT

Ratification of Department of Public Works' award of contract in the amount of $3,596,500 to Berrios Construction, Inc., for improvements to Candlestick Park.

Assistant General Manager for Administration, Phil Arnold, explained that this contract was awarded by the Department of Public Works in January. He stated that there was a short time frame in which to complete the capital improvements at Candlestick Park. It has come to staff's attention that the Recreation and Park Commission has more authority than previously thought in approving Department of Public Works' contracts. As a result, staff plans to change the approval process for contracts.

This contract has been reviewed by the Board of Supervisors which found that all of proper procedures were followed including endorsement by the Human Rights Commission. The Recreation and Park Commission has some limited power and could reject a bid if it had prior experience with a contractor.

In response to Commissioner Eickman's question, Mr. Arnold, explained that the Department of Public Works would administer the bid process, score the bids and then have the contract approved by the Recreation and Park Commission. This Commission could reject the bid on the basis of cost or prior experience with a contractor but not on the basis of union versus non-union contract or that the Commission preferred another bidder.

On recommendation of the Candlestick Park, Golf and Yacht Harbor Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Chan, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16583

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies the Department of Public Works' award of contract in the amount of $3,596,500 to Berrios Construction, Inc., for improvements to Candlestick Park.

11. **CANDLESTICK PARK**
OUTFIELD BLEACHERS

Approval of construction of outfield bleachers at Candlestick Park.

Assistant Superintendent of Parks, James Cooney, explained that this item was considered by the Candlestick Park, Golf and Yacht Harbor Committee, and is a request to approve the construction of bleachers and modification of the outfield fence. The San Francisco Giants want to offer the fan a more intimate, enjoyable experience at Candlestick by installing movable bleachers at left center field and to lower the height of the fence from 10' to 8'. The cost of these modifications will be borne by the Giants. There will be increased costs to the conversion process as well as new costs to move the new outfield bleacher section. The Giants have agreed to pay for any increased costs that result from the outfield bleachers. Furthermore, it is recognized that the conversion process (from football to baseball) will take longer because of the new outfield bleacher section. The Giants have agreed to, whenever possible, be cooperative and amenable in waiving the 36 hour rule which requires the stadium to be ready for baseball.

11. **CANDLESTICK PARK**
OUTFIELD BLEACHERS (Continued)

President Orr noted that the staff recommendation references the fact that the Giants reserve the right to seek partial reimbursements for some of the costs for the outfield bleacher modifications separately as part of financial reimbursement negotiations with the Mayor's Office. Mr. Arnold explained that these negotiations are still taking place. President Orr clarified the point that any reimbursement would require Commission approval in the future.

In response to Commissioner Ruiz's question, Mr. Cooney stated that ultimately it is the Giants' decision as to whether or not the 36 hour rule is waived.

General Manager, Mary E. Burns, explained that the Giants' lease gives them the exclusive rights to the stadium 36 hours before each home stand. Ms. Burns felt that the Giants are trying to be cooperative with the City because they realize that the new bleachers will add to the time required to convert the stadium from football to baseball configuration.

Jack F. Bair, Director of Legal & Governmental Affairs, San Francisco Giants, explained that the Giants have not witnessed a conversion process with the new bleachers and are unaware how much additional time it will take. The manufacturer of the bleachers will be on-site for the first couple of conversions and will try to develop a time frame. Mr. Bair said that since the Giants do not have experience with the conversion process they cannot commit to waive the 36 hour rule. The Giants do plan to be as flexible as possible.

On recommendation of the Candlestick Park, Golf and Yacht Harbor Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Chan, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16584

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the construction of outfield bleachers at Candlestick Park.

12. **CANDLESTICK PARK**
AUXILIARY SCOREBOARD

Approval of placement of auxiliary scoreboard at Candlestick Park.

Assistant Superintendent of Parks, James Cooney, explained that this item was considered by the Candlestick Park, Golf and Yacht Harbor Committee. The Giants, wishing to make the experience at Candlestick Park more pleasant, have requested to permanently install an old-fashioned out-of-town scoreboard in the stadium. Staff has reviewed the design and has found that it should not interfere with the conversion process and will not be visible during the football configuration. The Giants will fund the scoreboard and, should there be any problems resulting from the installation of the scoreboard, pay those costs. Staff recommended approval subject to approval of the supplement to the Sony Scoreboard Agreement.

In response to Commissioner Chan's question, **Jack F. Bair, Director of Legal & Governmental Affairs, San Francisco Giants,** explained that he hoped to have the auxiliary scoreboard in place by opening day.

12. **CANDLESTICK PARK**
AUXILIARY SCOREBOARD (Continued)

On recommendation of the Candlestick Park, Golf and Yacht Harbor Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Farrow, seconded by Commissioner Ruiz, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16585

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the placement of an auxiliary scoreboard at Candlestick Park.

13. **CANDLESTICK PARK**
SONY SCOREBOARD AGREEMENT
SUPPLEMENT

Approval of supplement to Agreement to furnish Scoreboard and Other Equipment and Related Services (Sony Scoreboard Agreement).

Assistant General Manager for Administration, Phil Arnold, explained that the new auxiliary scoreboard will be an attractive advertising opportunity at Candlestick Park. Three advertising panels, each 25' x 10' have been identified on the auxiliary scoreboard. The Scoreboard Agreement gives Sony the exclusive rights to advertise inside the stadium. The scoreboard agreement refers to advertising panels adjacent to the original scoreboard. However, the auxiliary scoreboard was not in place when the original scoreboard agreement was signed. Therefore a technical amendment is requested specifying that the auxiliary scoreboard is also an advertising location. There is a clause in the agreement entitled "supplement clause" which allows the parties to agree, in writing, to add these advertising panels. Mr. Arnold said that discussions are now taking place about splitting additional advertising revenues with the Giants.

Mr. Arnold explained that under the Sony Scoreboard Agreement the first $1 Million generated from advertising panels reverts to Sony to pay for the scoreboard. Then, a series of payments are made with $10,000 to the City, $65,000 for maintenance set-aside, and $230,000 to reimburse the City for operation of the scoreboard. The City receives 65% and Sony 35% for any new advertising panels that are installed at Candlestick Park. Some of the existing advertisers have the right to move their advertising panels to the auxiliary scoreboard location.

Jack F. Bair, Director of Legal & Governmental Affairs, San Francisco Giants, said that since the Giants are funding the auxiliary scoreboard and will operate it, they want to be able to generate some revenue from it.

On recommendation of the Candlestick Park, Golf and Yacht Harbor Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Chan, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16586

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the supplement to the Agreement to furnish Scoreboard and Other Equipment and Related Services (Sony Scoreboard Agreement) which will allow advertising adjacent to the new auxiliary scoreboard.

14. **SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS**
NEW CONCESSION AGREEMENT

Approval of a new concession agreement at Candlestick Park between the San Francisco Giants and Volume Services.

Assistant General Manager for Administration, Phil Arnold, explained that this item was not heard at the Committee level and is a request to have the Commission approve a new concessionaire at Candlestick Park. The new food and beverage concessionaire for the Giants, and ultimately for the San Francisco 49ers, is Volume Services. Staff reviewed the agreement and felt that four items needed clarification:

°Section I.D. should be revised to include the Recreation and Park Commission in the approval process for any sub-concessionaire or sub-licensee.

°Section III.B., III.C., and XI.D. should be revised to name the Recreation and Park Commission as the owner of fixtures and renovations which are permanently affixed to Candlestick Park properties as a result of concession remodeling under the concession agreement.

°Section III.G. should be revised to include acknowledgment of the obligation of the concessionaire to pay the Recreation and Park Commission for the cost of utilities associated with the concessions.

°Section III.H. should be revised to include reference to the Sony Scoreboard Agreement and the advertising rights included under that agreement.

The Giants have agreed to these changes and will incorporate the changes.

Commissioner Sommer asked if this concessionaire is bound by the Equal Employment Opportunity Council hiring rules.

Robert Herr, an attorney for the Giants, explained that this document is a concession agreement between the Giants and Volume Services and therefore the City provisions regarding hiring regulations do not directly apply. However, they are subject to all the State and Federal hiring provisions.

In response to Commissioner Sommer's question, **Jorge Costa, representing the San Francisco Giants,** explained that they have an extensive recycling program in place for cans, bottles and plastic items.

In response to Commissioner Eickman's question, **Larry Baer, representing the San Francisco Giants,** explained that Volume Services operate 5 major stadiums including the Oakland Coliseum and Los Angeles Coliseum.

On motion of Commissioner Ruiz, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16587

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the concession agreement at Candlestick Park between the San Francisco Giants and Volume Services.

15. **SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS**
SAN FRANCISCO FORTY-NINERS
FOOD AND BEVERAGE PRICES

Approval of food and beverage price increases for 1993 baseball and football seasons.

Assistant General Manager for Administration, Phil Arnold, explained that the standard food and beverage items are similar to what was offered last year but that a secondary menu has been added which offers a variety of items. The price of items range from $1.00 to $8.00. Volume Services, the new concessionaire, plans to increase the number of servers at the vending stands so that people do not have to wait as long as they did in the past. Mr. Arnold felt that the prices were reasonable.

Jack F. Bair, Director of Legal & Governmental Affairs, San Francisco Giants, explained that the Giants will attempt to offer all of the new menu items but not all of the items will be available for opening day.

On recommendation of the Candlestick Park, Golf and Yacht Harbor Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Farrow, seconded by Commissioner Chan, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16588

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the food and beverage price increases for 1993 baseball and football seasons.

16. **SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS**
SAN FRANCISCO FORTY-NINERS
LUXURY SUITE MENU PRICES

Approval of luxury suite menu price increases for 1993 baseball and football season.

Assistant General Manager for Administration, Phil Arnold, explained that Butler Catering, the concessionaire for the luxury suites, is requesting many new items on its menu. The major change in addition to the new items is that dinner orders are based on a per person charge with a minimum order of six. Butler has requested a $.50 increase in beer and soft drinks and has made some substitutions and changes in the wine/spirit areas. Mr. Arnold said that some of the the food and beverage items are pricey and that staff conducted a comparison with other luxury suites and found these prices high. However, at Candlestick Park, fans may bring their own food items and they are not required to buy food from Butler Catering.

Commissioner Sommer found the prices quite high.

On recommendation of the Candlestick Park, Golf and Yacht Harbor Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Eickman, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16589

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the luxury suite menu price increases for 1993 baseball and football season.

17. **CANDLESTICK PARK**
SAN FRANCISCO BASEBALL SEASON
PARKING LOT RATE INCREASE

Approval of increase in parking lot rates at Candlestick Park for 1993 baseball season.

Assistant General Manager for Administration, Phil Arnold, explained that this item is a request to increase parking lot rates by $1.00 for automobiles for the baseball season. These rates are currently charged at the Oakland Coliseum and the dirt lots surrounding Candlestick Park charged this rate last year. The Giants receive the parking lot revenues. Mr. Arnold reminded the Commission that as long as the rates are reasonable there is no legal authority for the Commission to deny the increase.

On recommendation of the Candlestick Park, Golf and Yacht Harbor Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Sommer, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16590

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves an increase in parking lot rates at Candlestick Park for 1993 baseball season as follows:

	Present	Approved
Automobiles	$ 5.00	$6.00
Buses	15.00	no change
Motor Homes/Limousines	15.00	no change

18. **SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS**
FIELD MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT
AMENDMENT

Consideration of an amendment to the Field Maintenance Agreement with the San Francisco Giants for maintenance of the baseball diamond and infield.

Assistant Superintendent of Parks, James Cooney, explained that the San Francisco Giants have requested that the Department assume maintenance responsibilities for the baseball diamond and infield portion of the Candlestick Park field. Historically, although the master lease required the Giants to maintain the entire field during baseball season, the Department maintained the outfield for a negotiated fee. As a compliment to Candlestick Park turf crew, the Giants have requested that Recreation and Park additionally maintain the baseball diamond and infield. The proposed agreement states that the Giants shall be responsible to reimburse the City for all expenses incurred. The payment plan provides for 5 equal installments to be paid monthly. The sixth payment would be based on the actual expenses less the five installment payments. He asked the Commission to approve the agreement subject to staff reaching final agreement with the Giants on reimbursement for these costs.

President Orr noted the dollar amount estimate to perform this work was $170,000. Mr. Cooney felt that the $170,000 dollar amount was adequate to perform the work.

18. **SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS**
FIELD MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT
AMENDMENT (Continued)

On recommendation of the Candlestick Park, Golf and Yacht Harbor Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Ruiz, seconded by Commissioner Eickman, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16591

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves an amendment to the Field Maintenance Agreement with the San Francisco Giants for maintenance of the baseball diamond and infield.

18a. **SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS**
RENT CREDIT

Approval of a rent credit to the San Francisco 49ers for improvements to the locker room facilities at Candlestick Park.

Assistant General Manager for Administration, Phil Arnold, explained that both the Giants and 49ers have approached the Department with a request to improve some of the features of both the locker room facilities and the umpire/referee area. The Department planned to perform this work in 1994 but since so much renovation work is now taking place it was considered prudent to make the improvements now. The payment mechanism will be a rent credit to the 49ers since the Department does not have sufficient funds to pay for the improvements. The cost estimate is $35,000-50,000. The Department's Stadium Engineer has reviewed the plans. Mr. Arnold recommended approval of the 49er rent credit in order to make these improvements.

On motion of Commissioner Chan, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16592

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves a rent credit to the San Francisco 49ers in an amount not to exceed $50,000 for improvements to the locker room facilities at Candlestick Park.

19. **McLAREN PARK GOLF COURSE**
INCREASE IN GREEN FEES

Approval of an increase in green fees at McLaren Park Golf Course, effective April 1, 1993.

Golf Director, Robert Killian, explained that the lessee at McLaren Park Golf Course (Gleneagles) has requested an increase in green fees. Staff has surveyed golf courses in the Bay Area and found the proposed fees to be comparable to fees charged at other courses. He recommended approval.

Commissioner Eickman noted that at one time this golf course was in deplorable condition and that the lessee has dramatically improved the course.

19. **McLAREN PARK GOLF COURSE**
INCREASE IN GREEN FEES (Continued)

On recommendation of the Candlestick Park, Golf and Yacht Harbor Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Eickman, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16593

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves an increase in green fees at McLaren Park Golf Course, effective 4/1/93, as follows:

	Present	Approved
Weekdays..... 9 Holes	$ 9.00	$10.00
Weekdays.....18 Holes	15.00	No Change
Weekends/Holidays... 9 Holes	12.00	13.00
Weekends/Holidays...18 Holes	20.00	22.00

20. **McLAREN PARK GOLF COURSE**
FOOD AND BEVERAGE INCREASE

Approval of an increase for food and beverage items at McLaren Park Golf Course, effective 4/1/93.

Golf Director, Robert Killian, explained that the lessee at McLaren Park Golf Course (Gleneagles) has requested an increase in food and beverage prices. He felt the increases were quite modest and recommended approval.

On recommendation of the Candlestick Park, Golf and Yacht Harbor Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Eickman, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves an increase for the following food and beverage items at McLaren Park Golf Course, effective 4/1/93:

RES. NO. 16594

	Present	Approved
Coffee	$ .25	$ .50
Breakfast Sandwich	2.00	No Change
Pastys (Meat Pies)	2.00	No Change
Ham & Cheese Sandwich	1.50	No Change
Pastrami/Swiss on French Roll	2.00	2.25
Polish Sausage 1/4 lb.	1.50	1.75
Hot Dog 8" Old Fashioned	1.25	1.50
Beer, Domestic	2.00	2.25
Beer, Imported	2.50	2.75
"Well" Drinks (Alcoholic)	2.50	2.75
Back Bar (Premium Alcohol Brands)		Increase all $.25

21. **SHARP PARK AND HARDING GOLF COURSES**
CIVIL GRAND JURY REPORT

Approval of response to Civil Grand Jury Report on Harding and Sharp Park Golf Courses.

Assistant General Manager for Administration, Phil Arnold, explained the Civil Grand Jury released a report on Harding and Sharp Park golf courses on February 10, 1993. The Department was given less than 24 hours to review the report before it was made public. Staff has developed a response to the Grand Jury. Mr. Arnold summarized the Grand Jury's report and the Department's responses:

°The golf courses should be run on a more business-like basis and that the Department should insist upon strict compliance with the leases.

Staff feels the golf courses are run on a business-like basis and that rounds have increased by over 64% (from 249,180 to 409,073) and revenues increased by over 260% (from $1.2 million to $4.5 million). The concession agreements are audited approximately every two years by the Controller's Audits Division.

°If any lease violation occurs which is not corrected promptly, the matter should be referred to the City Attorney for appropriate action.

The Department procedure is that when a lease violation is identified, the concessionaire is contacted and requested to make corrective action. If the violation is not corrected, and, if there is a major violation that either affects revenues or policies of the Recreation and Park Commission then staff will contact the City Attorney.

°CPA financial statements should be submitted in a timely manner annually by the lessees.

Submission of financial statements is a requirement in both leases and the Grand Jury correctly identified that these statements are not always submitted in a timely manner. Both concessionaires have been notified that such statements must be submitted annually.

°Revenue statements should be submitted by the lessees by the 10th of each month.

The Grand Jury Report correctly states that monthly revenue statements are not always submitted on time. However, the implication that the Department is losing revenue is not correct. Under current procedures, payments are deposited on the fifth of the month. Payments are then reconciled with the revenue statements when those statements are received.

°Starter sheets and cart rental sheets should always be completed. Total revenues, broken down by categories and reconciled to the cash registers daily should be provided.

21. **SHARP PARK AND HARDING GOLF COURSES**
CIVIL GRAND JURY REPORT (Continued)

At Harding Park, starter sheets are accompanied with daily cash register tapes which can be reconciled with the starter sheets. At Sharp Park, cash register transaction numbers are not always recorded on the starter sheets which makes reconciliation difficult. Staff will correct this by either recording the transaction number on the starter sheets or by providing a new cash register.

°Lessees should collect all green fees and deposit them in the manner provided by the leases.

The Grand Jury Report states that interest income is lost because daily deposits are not made. Under current practice, green fee receipts are deposited monthly rather than daily. This practice reduces interest revenue by approximately $9,000 annually but the Department realizes savings of over $30,000 annually for not having daily armored car pick-ups.

°All relevant documents should be retained for audit both by the lessees and by the Recreation and Park Department.

The lessees deliver original source documents to the Department on a monthly basis.

°Interest should be collected as provided by the lease, on all remittances paid late.

The lessees have not been late in their remittances and staff has not been forced to charge them late payments. There is a policy that provides for interest, and penalty payments are assessed by the Recreation and Park Department on late payments.

°Cash registers, with time, date, department totals, and non-resettable features, should be used to record all cash receipts.

One cash register located at Sharp Park is not capable of registering this information and will be replaced.

°A detailed written policy on complimentary course use should be established and adhered to at both courses.

Mr. Arnold said that the complimentary round policy item is the next item calendared on this agenda and will be rectified by Commission action.

Mr. Arnold further explained that the Grand Jury Report cited an area of deficiency in capital improvements at both golf courses which are requirements of the leases. The Harding concessionaire has given documentation complying to this requirement. The Sharp Park concessionaire has only partially complied. Staff is continuing its discussions with the Sharp Park concessionaire.

Mr. Arnold read the final paragraph of the Department's response to the Grand Jury Report:

21. **SHARP PARK AND HARDING GOLF COURSES**
CIVIL GRAND JURY REPORT (Continued)

"In summary, the Grand Jury Report identifies several technical problems with lease compliance at the golf courses at Harding Park and Sharp Park as well as one possible deficiency in capital improvements at Sharp Park. These deficiencies can and will be corrected. However, contrary to reports in the press regarding the findings of the Grand Jury Report, there is no evidence in that report of any missing or mishandled money at either of the golf courses under review. The suggestions in the report that revenues are being lost from these golf operations are not substantiated. The loss of interest revenue cited in the report is not calculated and, in fact, amounts to approximately $9,000 per year which is more than offset by the $30,000 in annual savings which are realized as a by-product of this loss in interest revenue. The Recreation and Park Department will continue its efforts to improve all of its concession operations."

Commissioner Chan said that the audits conducted by the Controller's Office did not identify some of the issues raised by the Grand Jury Report and that this fact should be referenced in the Department's response.

On recommendation of the Candlestick Park, Golf and Yacht Harbor Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Eickman, seconded by Commissioner Sommer, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16595

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the response to Civil Grand Jury Report on Harding and Sharp Park Golf Courses.

22. **RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT GOLF COURSES**
COMPLIMENTARY ROUNDS

Establishment of policy on complimentary rounds at the Recreation and Park Department golf courses.

Golf Director, Robert Killian, explained that he contacted various golf courses, pro shops and the Northern California Golf Course Association and recommended approval of a complimentary golf round policy.

General Manager, Mary E. Burns, said that complimentary golf rounds affects a very small number of people that no other Bay Area courses had a written policy.

On recommendation of the Candlestick Park, Golf and Yacht Harbor Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Ruiz, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16596

RESOLVED, That this Commission establishes a policy on complimentary rounds at the Recreation and Park Department golf courses, as follows:

- Professional Golf Association members (2-5 per week, depending on the golf course)
- Members of professional golf superintendents associations (1-2 players per week)
- Golf pro shop staff (5 per day)
- Golf course maintenance employees (2 players per week)

23. **SETTLEMENT OF CLAIM**

On recommendation of the Candlestick Park, Golf and Yacht Harbor Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Chan, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16597

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the proposed settlement of claim of Maria Bertha Chapa v. City and County of San Francisco, et al. in the amount of $10,000.

24. **ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS**

On motion of Commissioner Farrow, seconded by Commissioner Chan, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16598

RESOLVED, That this Commission accepts the following gifts valued at $302,820.97, for the Recreation and Park Department:

a. From Bank of America, through Friends of Recreation and Parks, $3,500.00, for underwriting the Friends of Recreation and Park and Recreation and Park Department Newsletter.

b. From Mrs. Margaret Cooper, through Friends of Recreation and Parks, $4,995.83, for the Department's Reforestation Fund.

c. From San Francisco Croquet Club, through Friends of Recreation and Parks, $2,050.00, for the Park Maintenance Fund.

d. From the Richard and Rhoda Goldman Fund, through Friends of Recreation and Parks, $281,700.14, for the renovation of the Julius Kahn Clubhouse, a gift in place.

e. From Friends of Recreation and Parks, $7,500.00, for the Julius Kahn Clubhouse Handicap Access Ramp.

f. From Presidio Heights Association of Neighbors, through Friends of Recreation and Parks, $2,000.00, for the Julius Kahn Clubhouse Handicap Access Ramp.

g. From various individuals, through Friends of Recreation and Parks, $1,075.00, for the Julius Kahn Clubhouse Handicap Access Ramp.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That appropriate letters of thanks shall be sent to the donors.

25. PUBLIC COMMENT

At this time members of the public may address the Commission on items that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Recreation and Park Commission. Members of the public may address the Commission for up to three minutes. The President or the Commission may limit the total testimony to 30 minutes.

Jan Hutchins, Director of Community Development for the San Francisco Giants, explained that the Giants want to develop a good partnership with Northern California communities. To that end, he has been working with the Department and planning activities for the City's summer workreation program. The sports day camp at Candlestick Park will be scheduled on a game day so youth can interact with the players. He said long range discussions are taking place to raise a Giants community fund. The Giants have three major fundraisers: (1) Playball Luncheon, (2) Giants community golf tournament (3) and sports memorabilia auction.

Jack Bair, representing the San Francisco Giants, thanked the staff and Commission for their support and hoped that it was the beginning of the formation of a good relationship. He wanted to inform the Commission about a situation at Candlestick Park. The Berrios contractor has encountered subterranean rock formation at Gate C which will increase the cost of the contract and may require the gate to be closed for the opening day game. He was concerned how the closure of this gate could impact the gameday events and affect crowd control.

General Manager, Mary E. Burns, explained that she has contacted the Acting Director of the Department of Public Works who will be on-site at Candlestick Park on Friday, March 19, 1993, to see what the City can do to expedite a solution to this problem.

Jeff Wilson, the concessionaire at Harding Golf Course, thanked the Commission and Department for its support and response to the Civil Grand Jury Report. He further explained that this year they were awarded the sponsorship of the City Golf Tournament and invited the Commission to attend the final round on 3/27/93.

26. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Orr urged the Commission to inform people of the Mayor's public hearings regarding the budget. He felt that it was important to urge people to attend these hearings so that the Mayor is aware that Recreation and Park and its programs are important and vital.

President Orr also reminded the Commission of the Joint Commission meeting with City Planning to be held at 5:30 p.m. on 4/15/93. The Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission is also scheduled on 4/15/93, at 2:00 p.m..

27. COMMISSION COMMITTEE REPORTS

The following Commission Committee reports were submitted for the record:

Joint Zoo Committee Meeting of February 3, 1993
Recreation Program Committee Meeting of February 24, 1993
Golden Gate Park Committee Meeting of March 1, 1993
Parks and Planning Committee Meeting of March 2, 1993
Candlestick Park, Golf and Yacht Harbor Committee Meeting of March 4, 1993

28. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Commissioner Ruiz, the meeting was adjourned in memory of Donald Meer, Senior Swim Instructor with the Aquatics Division, who passed away on March 1, 1993.

On motion of Commissioner Eickman, the meeting was adjourned in memory of Haruko Hagiwara-Matsuishi, a devoted benefactor of the Japanese Tea Garden, who passed away recently.
On motion of Commissioner Farrow, the meeting was adjourned in memory of Mel Swig, a civic leader who passed away recently.

There being no further business, the 680th Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shauna Marie Rose
Commission Secretary

Note: These minutes set forth all actions taken by the Recreation and Park Commission on matters stated, but not necessarily the chronological order in which the matters were taken up.

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681ST REGULAR MEETING

THURSDAY, APRIL 15, 1993 - 2:00 P.M.

The Six Hundred and Eighty-First Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Thursday, April 15, 1993, at 2:00 p.m. by President Trent W. Orr.

1. ROLL CALL

Present:
Commissioner Trent W. Orr, President
Commissioner Jack Immendorf, Vice President
Commissioner Keith Eickman
Commissioner Bella Farrow
Commissioner Santiago Ruiz
Commissioner Sue Sommer
Absent:
Commissioner Sidney Chan

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Commissioner Chan, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 18, 1993, were approved as presented.

3. **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

General Manager, Mary E. Burns, submitted the following report:

"URBAN PARK AND RECREATION ALLIANCE CONFERENCE

The annual spring conference of the Urban Park and Recreation Alliance (UPRA), April 21-24, is being hosted by San Francisco for the second time since its inception in 1972. UPRA is composed of the managers of the 44 largest urban park districts in the United States, and the emphasis of the organization is problem solving and information sharing. Some of the topics that will be discussed at the upcoming conference are: youth at risk, budget cuts, disabled access issues and innovative management techniques. I am pleased that a number of Commissioners will have an opportunity to meet some of the directors. At your places is a list of the directors who will be attending.

DE YOUNG MUSEUM

Recreation and Park Department staff will be meeting with Fine Arts Museum staff to discuss their short-term needs for structural improvements and their long-term master plan options. It is our understanding that a short-term proposal has been approved by the Fine Arts Museum Board to brace the museum to guard against structural damage in the event of an earthquake. This would entail bracing the roof area and include buttresses that would project out from the building at approximately ten locations. We will be reviewing these plans, and they will be presented for Commission review in the near future.

GIANTS OPENING DAY

The Giants' home opener on Monday, April 12, went very well. There was a record regular-season baseball crowd, the weather was sunny and clear and, contrary to the April 4 Bay Bridge series game, there was plenty of food and drink for all. The playing field was beautiful and the Giants won in overtime.

KOALA

On March 26, a check of the pouches of the Zoo's three female koalas revealed that one of the females had delivered a baby. The joey was estimated to be about one month old and should emerge from the pouch sometime in September. This birth is very significant since neither of the parents has produced offspring before.

STRYBING ARBORETUM AND BOTANICAL GARDENS

At your places you will find a brochure announcing Strybing Arboretum Society's 26th Annual Plant Sale on April 30 and May 1, 1993, at the San Francisco County Fair Building. Members' preview sale is from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m., on Friday, April 30. The public sale is from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 1.

On May 13, the Society will be holding its 4th Annual Urban Landscape Awards Dinner. This year's recipient is the Ritz Carlton. A special award is being given to the Sisterhood Guild of Temple Emanu-El. An invitation to the awards dinner is at your place.

3. **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT** (Continued)

STRYBING ARBORETUM AND BOTANICAL GARDENS (Continued)

The California Native Plant Garden is in full bloom now and is well worth a trip to the Botanical Gardens to see the beauty of all the colors.

CAMP MATHER

A work crew of 42 people from all trades, tree toppers and reforestation will head for Camp Mather on May 3. The major problem to solve is the removal of approximately 20 downed trees. The main project for the Yard Crew is the installation of a filter system, mandated by state and federal government regulations, on the domestic water supply by their deadline of July 1. Other activities include disabled access to one additional cabin and to the deck area at the store. Most activities will occur before the Blue Grass music festival on Memorial Day weekend.

YOUTH SERVICE DAY

Over 200 young people from San Francisco's public, private and parochial schools, as well as church and service groups, will participate in a Youth Service Day event at Stern Grove. Starting at 9 a.m. on Saturday, April 24, the volunteers will descend on the grounds of the park as part of National Youth Service Week--cleaning, painting, raking and sweeping--to ready the Grove for the summer season. This third annual event is sponsored by the Recreation and Park Department, San Francisco School Volunteers, the Clean City Coalition, the San Francisco Volunteer Center, the Stern Grove Festival Association and the Conservation Corps.

TEEN CENTER KICKOFF

The Recreation Division has expanded services to teens throughout the City with the creation of 13 new neighborhood teen programs. At your places you will find the new and colorful posters announcing the location of each facility. As you can see, information and activities on a variety of subjects will be available through this program expansion. Many sites have had initial kickoff events that were very well received. These kickoffs included a fashion show at Joseph Lee Recreation Center, where over 250 youth attended and were entertained by 35 young women from the modeling class, and a job fair at Ocean View Recreation Center, where local youth learned of the many professional options available in today's job market. Staff is very hopeful that this expanded program will provide many of the basic services necessary for the youth in our city.

NEWSLETTER

At your places is the spring 1993 edition of Update, the newsletter published jointly by the Friends of Recreation and Parks and the Recreation and Park Department. Compliments are due to Robert Zinkhon, newsletter editor and member of the Friends Board. Appreciation also goes to the Bank of America, which generously paid for the graphics and printing. The newsletter is distributed to members of the Friends and employees of the Department.

SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS

The following claims, under $5,000, were settled by the City Attorney's Office during the month of March 1993:

Brugler, William.....$400.00	Dunn, Terry.....$828.85
Moret, David J..... 613.85	Rivas, Adrian..... 466.09

DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday, April 19, 1993	Special Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission; 4:00 p.m.; McLaren Lodge
Wednesday, April 21 through Saturday, April 24, 1993	Urban Park and Recreation Alliance Spring Conference; Miyako Hotel
Wednesday, April 21 through Sunday, April 25, 1993	San Francisco Landscape Garden Show; Pavilions at Fort Mason
Wednesday, April 28, 1993	Recreation Program Committee Meeting; 3:30 p.m.; Julius Kahn Playground, West Pacific and Spruce
Monday, May 3, 1993	Golden Gate Park Committee Meeting; 4:00 p.m.; McLaren Lodge
Tuesday, May 4, 1993	Parks and Planning Committee Meeting; 4:00 p.m.; McLaren Lodge
Wednesday, May 5, 1993	Joint Zoo Committee Meeting; 4:30 p.m. tour, 5:00 p.m. meeting; Education Classroom, S.F. Zoo
Thursday, May 6, 1993	Finance and Administration Committee Meeting; 4:00 p.m.; McLaren Lodge"

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President Orr noted that the City finally received title of the Cathay Mortuary site which will become the City's new Chinatown Park. A press conference was held in front of City Hall on 4/12/93 with a number of people from the community who have been working on this acquisition for over a decade. Commissioner Orr said that everyone is excited that work can begin to create a new park in one of the most dense neighborhoods in the entire U.S.A.

General Manager, Mary E. Burns, informed the Commission that the Department has taken possession of the Cathay Mortuary and the building is now being checked for toxics and asbestos. The Real Estate Department and the Department of Public Works are preparing the demolition contract which will be bid when the toxic work is completed.

4. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

All matters listed hereunder constitute a Consent Calendar, are considered to be routine by the Recreation and Park Commission and will be acted upon by a single roll call vote of the Commission. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member so requests, in which event the matter shall be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered as a separate item.

On motion of Commissioner Eickman, seconded by Commissioner Immendorf, ratification of the following resolutions, which are processed under Resolution No. 13572:

a. **PERSONNEL MATTERS** — **RES. NO. 16599**

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies the actions taken by the General Manager regarding personnel matters during the period March 4, 1993 through April 1, 1993.

b. **JUSTIN HERMAN PLAZA** — **RES. NO. 16600**
MULTIPLE DAY EVENT

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves a multiple day event on Thursday and Friday, June 24-25, 1993, at Justin Herman Plaza for their annual "Jail & Bail" event.

c. **WASHINGTON SQUARE** — **RES. NO. 16601**
MULTIPLE DAY EVENT

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves a multiple day event on Saturday and Sunday, June 19-20, 1993, at Washington Square for the Annual North Beach Festival.

d. **PRECITA PARK/BERNAL HEIGHTS PARK/GARFIELD SQUARE** — **RES. NO. 16602**
PARK CLOSURE

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the posting of signage stating Precita Park, Bernal Heights Park and Garfield Square will be closed from 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.

e. **PRECITA PARK** — **RES. NO. 16603**
AWARD OF CONTRACT

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the award of contract to Golden Bay Construction, Inc. in the amount of $186,500 for the renovation of the existing children's play area at Precita Park.

f. **PORTSMOUTH SQUARE** — **RES. NO. 16604**
AWARD OF CONTRACT

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the award of contract to Intercoastal Construction in the amount of $1,338,000 for Phase II Improvements of Portsmouth Square.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR (Continued)

g. **COIT TOWER/JAPANESE TEA GARDEN/ SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS EXTENSION OF MUNI PASSPORT DISCOUNTS** — RES. NO. 16605

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies the extension of Muni Passport discounts at Coit Tower, the San Francisco Zoological Gardens and the Japanese Tea Garden.

h. **SETTLEMENT OF CLAIM** — RES. NO. 16606

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the proposed settlement of claim of Michele Pryal v. City and County of San Francisco, et al. in the amount of $1,000.

i. **GOLDEN GATE PARK CARROUSEL USE PERMIT/SPECIAL EVENT FEES** — RES. NO. 16607

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves a revision to the Carrousel Use Permit and increase in Special Event fee to $600.00.

j. **PON & HOM BANDSHELL-GOLDEN GATE PARK INCREASE IN FOOD & BEVERAGE PRICES** — RES. NO. 16608

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves a request from Pon & Hom to increase and add new food and beverage prices at the Bandshell at Golden Gate Park, effective 4/16/93:

Item	Current	Approved
Hot Dog (8 to a pound)	$ 1.80	$ 1.90
Ice Cream Sandwich (4.5 oz)	New Item	$ 1.50
Candy (3 oz.)	New Item	$ .85
Ham Sandwich (4 oz.)	New Item	$ 3.25
Turkey Sandwich (4 oz.)	New Item	$ 3.25
Nachos (2 oz. w/cheese)	New Item	$ 2.00
Pretzels (5.5 oz.)	New Item	$ 1.50
Churros (16")	New Item	$ 1.50
Fresh Popcorn (1.5 oz.)	$ 1.25	$ 1.50
Fresh Popcorn (2.5 oz.)	New Item	$ 2.00
Hot Drinks (Coffee, Tea & Chocolate 14 oz.)	New Item	$ 1.25
Hot Drinks (8 oz.)	$ .75	No Change
Soft Drinks (24 oz.)	New Item	$ 2.00
Soft Drinks (20 oz.)	$ 1.75	No Change

k. **CIVIC CENTER PLAZA CINCO DE MAYO FESTIVAL PERMIT FEE** — RES. NO. 16609

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the permit fee for the 27th Annual "Cinco de Mayo" Festival to be held at Civic Center Plaza on May 1-2, 1993.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR (Continued)

l. AQUATICS PROGRAM
REVISION TO SCRIP TICKET REFUND POLICY
RES. NO. 16610

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the following revision to the scrip ticket refund policy for the Aquatics Program which shall read:

"Patrons who possess scrip tickets that become invalid because of fee increase shall be allowed to exchange the remaining value of the old scrip toward the purchase of a new scrip for the period of six months after the price increase. After the six month period, no exchange will be permitted."

m. GOLDEN GATE PARK
30TH AVENUE
RES. NO. 16611

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the "No Parking" signs along west curb of 30th Avenue (Fulton Street to Kennedy Drive).

n. GOLDEN GATE PARK/GREAT HIGHWAY
ROAD CLOSURE
RES. NO. 16612

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the road closure along the Great Highway for the 10th Annual Escape From Alcatraz Triathalon on Saturday, June 12, 1993.

GENERAL CALENDAR

5. RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT
BUDGET REDUCTIONS FISCAL YEAR 1993-94

Consideration of budget reductions to the Recreation and Park Department for Fiscal Year 1993-94.

Assistant General Manager for Administration, Phil Arnold, explained that the City's budget deficit is $184 Million. As a result, each Department was asked to submit a reduction package by 4/5/93.

The Mayor asked the Recreation and Park Department to submit a reduction package totaling $4.2 Million. The Department was already assessed a reduction of $800,000 by the Controller's Office. Therefore, the Department was asked to reduce its General Fund budget by $5 Million. This dollar figures equates to almost a 30% reduction of Recreation and Park's discretionary General Fund budget. Mr. Arnold further explained that it appears that Recreation and Park has been given the highest reduction of any City Department.

Mr. Arnold outlined the reductions the Department will have to make in order to meet the $5 Million goal:

- Close all recreation centers and pools on Sundays and holidays
- Close two swimming pools: Coffman and North Beach or Hamilton.
- Close the Zoo. During the first year, fourteen animal exhibits would be eliminated and the animals sold. The Zoo would be closed during the winter except for weekends.

5. **RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT**
BUDGET REDUCTIONS FISCAL YEAR 1993-94 (Continued)

- Eliminate the capital improvement program at Candlestick Park and transfer stadium revenues to the General Fund.
- Eliminate all park maintenance along the Lower Great Highway and the Dolores Islands; withdraw all permanent horticulture staff from the Palace of Fine Arts, Ina Coolbrith Park and Park Presidio Boulevard and provide spot maintenance to these areas with a mobile crew; reduce the horticulture staff at Moscone Recreation Center by 33%; eliminate weekend and holiday custodial service at twelve recreation centers and playgrounds.
- Eliminate ten positions from the Urban Forestry and Turf Management Division. These reductions will primarily impact the urban forestry program in Golden Gate Park.
- Eliminate four positions from the Structural Maintenance Division. These reductions will eliminate the deliveries to our youth summer camps and result in a buildup of debris throughout the park system.
- Reduce funds for vehicle maintenance. This reduction will eliminate all body work and some preventive maintenance work.
- Lease the Sharon Arts Studio to a non-profit organization and eliminate all City funding.
- Reduce scavenger costs. The Recreation and Park Department currently pays approximately $600,000 annually for trash removal from the City parks. Much of this trash is generated from households. The City Attorney has advised that a special assessment district could be created by the Board of Supervisors which would place some of the cost of trash removal on property tax bills.
- Reduce the overhead charge assessed by the Controller. The City's overhead charge is supposed to recover costs of general Citywide services. At a time when the cost of these services is going down the assessment of these costs on the Recreation and Park Department has increased by $800,000 in each of the past two years.
- Administrative savings. In the past two years the administrative staff and operating budget of the Recreation and Park Department have been reduced by approximately 20%. Further reductions will reduce the revenue-generating capabilities of the department.

Mr. Arnold further explained that the Department will be meeting with the Mayor tomorrow on this budget reduction package and that the City has reduced the Department's General Fund support by $7 Million over the last 2 years. The Recreation and Park Department and the Library Department received the highest budget reduction for Fiscal Year 1993-94.

President Orr was troubled by this budget. He said the Department has taken a 15% reduction in 1992-93 and a substantial reduction in the 1991-92. He proposed that a resolution be passed urging the Mayor that in light of the severe reductions suffered by the Department in past years that he reconsider the reduction being asked of the Department for the next fiscal year. He felt the Department and the public would be shattered by this budget reduction.

Mr. Arnold said that a parcel tax for parks could be initiated but such a proposal would require the Mayor's concurrence.

5. **RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT**
BUDGET REDUCTIONS FISCAL YEAR 1993-94 (Continued)

Vice President Immendorf said he would continue to support the Department's program before the Mayor and others.

Commissioner Sommer recalled that the **Mayor's Chief of Staff, James Lazarus**, informed the Commission in December (when he presented the Giants lease amendment issue), that Recreation and Park would be kept whole if the Giants lease amendment was approved.

Mr. Arnold felt that Mr. Lazarus' comments referred to whether the Department would be required to transfer Stadium Fund revenues to the General Fund.

Commissioner Sommer said reductions in Recreation and Park programs and the Library Department send a very bad signal to the children of the City.

Commissioner Eickman said he attended one of the Mayor's public hearings regarding the City's budget and people asked that the Sharon Arts Studio not be eliminated and that the pools not be closed.

In response to Commissioner Ruiz's question, Mr. Arnold explained, as an example, that if the Fire Department was asked to make the same reduction as Recreation and Park, it would be forced to close some of its fire stations.

General Manager, Mary E. Burns, explained that the handout given by the Mayor at his recent budget hearings showed that Recreation and Park had the largest number of employees deleted from its work force.

President Orr said the public will have to inform the Mayor of the importance of Recreation and Park, its programs and services.

On motion of Commissioner Orr, seconded by Commissioner Immendorf, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16613

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the budget for the Recreation and Park Department for fiscal year 1993-94, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That a resolution shall be sent to the Mayor informing him that Recreation and Park Department has taken a disproportionate share of cuts to its budget in the past and should not be assessed a substantial percentage for FY 1993-1994.

6. **PALACE OF FINE ARTS/EXPLORATORIUM**
BOND MEASURE

Approval of placement of a bond measure to be placed before the electorate on a future ballot to remodel the Exploratorium and correct drainage and sewer problems on the Palace of Fine Arts grounds.

Park Planner, Deborah Learner, explained that this matter was presented at the Parks and Planning Committee. The Palace of Fine Arts is under jurisdiction of the Recreation and Park Commission and the Exploratorium is its tenant. There is now a move to place a Culture Bond on the

6. **PALACE OF FINE ARTS/EXPLORATORIUM**
BOND MEASURE (Continued)

Ms. Learner's statement (Continued)

forthcoming ballot (perhaps November or June 1994). With the Commission's approval, the Exploratorium can prepare the bond booklet and other requirements that are necessary in order to put a bond issue on the ballot. The bond will remodel the Exploratorium, completely within the existing footprint of the building, correct drainage and sewer problems, repair irrigation and landscaping and improve the lagoon water quality.

Ms. Burns explained that the Department has received complaints regarding the noise which is transferred between the Theatre and the Exploratorium. This bond would place a soundproof wall between the 2 tenants.

In response to Commissioner Sommer's question, Ms. Learner explained that the culture bond will include a number of institutions such as the Asian Art Museum and the Academy of Sciences.

Goery DeleCorte, representing the Exploratorium, urged adoption of this item and said it will offer better amenities and a more welcoming atmosphere at the Palace of Fine Arts area.

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Sommer, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16614

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the placement of a bond measure to be placed before the electorate on a future ballot to remodel the Exploratorium and correct drainage and sewer problems on the Palace of Fine Arts grounds.

7. **SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS**
RECISION OF FOURTH AMENDMENT

Assistant General Manager for Administration, Phil Arnold, explained that this item is a technical amendment. Several months ago the Commission was asked to approve several concessions in the terms of the Giants including the fourth amendment to the Giants lease. The Board of Supervisors has now rescinded its approval of this amendment and it is proper that the Recreation and Park Commission also rescind the amendment.

On recommendation of the Finance and Administration Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Eickman, seconded by Commissioner Ruiz, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16615

RESOLVED, That this Commission rescinds the Fourth Amendment to the Lease with the San Francisco Giants affecting the City's and Giants' obligations under the lease and reducing the City's revenue from the agreement including approval of an assignment, pursuant to the Sony Scoreboard agreement, that assigns the City's rights to payments under this agreement to the Giants.

8. SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS
AMENDMENTS TO SCOREBOARD OPERATING AGREEMENT

Approval of Amendments to Scoreboard Operating Agreement with the San Francisco Giants.

Assistant General Manager for Administration, Phil Arnold, explained that this item requests three amendments to the Scoreboard Operating Agreement. Under the Scoreboard Operating Agreement between the City, 49ers and the Giants, the Giants operate the scoreboard. Prior to January 1993 the Giants received compensation for operating the scoreboard. One of the provisions of the prior agreement reached between the Mayor and the Giants gave the Giants all advertising revenues from Candlestick Park and therefore, the compensation clause for the operation of the scoreboard was deleted. Under the current arrangement, the City will receive payment from Sony to help offset the cost of operating the scoreboard. The first amendment is to reinstate the compensation clause into the agreement with the Giants.

The second amendment relates to the termination date of the scoreboard operating agreement which was changed to the end of baseball season, leaving the 49ers without a scoreboard operator for a portion of the football season. Therefore, the second amendment is to restore the termination date to February.

The third amendment relates to the new auxiliary scoreboard and the outfield bleachers. The Giants installed these two features at their own expense. There is adjacent advertising to the new auxiliary scoreboard and two large "Gap" signs on the outfield fence. The revenues from this advertising come to the City, by the terms of the Sony Agreement. The Giants would like to have the Department's share of the revenues from the advertising panels adjacent to the auxiliary scoreboard and the "Gap" signs to compensate them for the cost to install this scoreboard and for removing/replacing the outfield bleachers. Their estimated cost of moving the bleachers is between $136,000-$204,000 a year. The cost of the auxiliary scoreboard, as reported by the Giants, was approximately $340,000.

The policy issue before the Commission is whether it is reasonable to compensate the Giants for these costs and how much that reimbursement should be. It was the position of staff that it is reasonable to have the Giants receive a portion of the revenues and felt $200,000 was fair. The Giants want full compensation.

In response to President Orr's question, Mr. Arnold explained that the $200,000 figure would be a one-time payment. He further explained the cost of the installation of the advertising panels ($40,000) would be paid first.

In response to Commissioner Ruiz's questions, Mr. Arnold explained that the Giants informed the Department that they would pay for the cost of moving the bleachers and also said that they would seek to provide some revenue opportunity to help defray part of those costs.

General Manager, Mary E. Burns, explained that it was found that heavier footings were needed for the bleachers so concrete footings were poured for the portable stands. The Giants plan to review the footings during the All-Star break but she was concerned how this would affect the conversion process.

8. **SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS**
AMENDMENTS TO SCOREBOARD OPERATING AGREEMENT (Continued)

Jack F. Bair, Director of Legal & Governmental Affairs, San Francisco Giants, said that some dramatic changes were made to the appearance of Candlestick Park at the expense of the Giants. The Giants were trying to recapture a small percentage of what they put into a City-owned facility. The Giants installed, at their own cost, a new scoreboard with advertising panels. Those panels were placed there by the Giants and he felt it was reasonable to be reimbursed. He explained that the only dispute between the Department and the Giants is the amount of the reimbursement. Mr. Bair explained that the Giants chose an auxiliary scoreboard to enhance the stadium and that the cost to install any scoreboard would exceed $200,000. He felt it was unfair and punitive to cap the Giants reimbursement when they created the revenue.

Mr. Bair further explained that the "Gap" sign was an innovative way to help the Giants defray the conversion costs. The Giants have spent over $1 Million enhancing the facility. He clarified the point that the Giants are asking permission to find creative funding sources to defray a small percentage of what they have given to a City facility. He felt asking for reimbursement was fair.

Gary Fowler, representing Nibbi Brothers, explained that the Giants contacted his firm to analyze the installation of the scoreboard system at right field regardless of the manufacturer of the scoreboard. A structural engineer and architect estimated that the installation cost to be $340,000 for either scoreboard.

Larry Dodd, the controller of the Giants submitted a work sheet of the installation costs of the auxiliary scoreboard totalling $340,000.

Commissioner Ruiz appreciated the Giants' efforts to better the stadium but said when the Giants make improvements to stadium the Department also incurred additional costs. He felt that the percentage of profits should be reviewed by staff.

In response to Commissioner Immendorf's question, Mr. Arnold said the Giants have agreed to pay any additional costs to move the bleachers.

There was a discussion regarding the reimbursement cost of $200,000 to $340,000. It was agreed that staff should continue discussions and negotiations with the Giants to agree upon a dollar figure for reimbursement.

On motion of Commissioner Sommer, seconded by Commissioner Ruiz, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. 16616

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves all of the amendments except the dollar amount to reimburse the Giants for their cost to install the new auxiliary scoreboard.

9. **CANDLESTICK PARK**
AMENDMENT TO SONY SCOREBOARD AGREEMENT

Approval to amend Sony Scoreboard Agreement to allow outfield fence advertising.

Assistant General Manager for Administration, Phil Arnold, explained the two "Gap" signs recently installed on the outfield fence require an amendment to the Sony Scoreboard Agreement permitting the signs to be placed in the stadium because the Sony Agreement specifies the number of field level signs that are permitted at Candlestick Park. The two "Gap" signs are not permitted without approval from this Commission. The amendment will also require approval from the Board of Supervisors.

On recommendation of the Candlestick Park, Yacht Harbor and Golf Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Immendorf, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16617

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves an amendment to the Sony Scoreboard Agreement to allow outfield fence advertising.

10. **CANDLESTICK PARK**
STEVENS CALIFORNIA ENTERPRISES, INC.

Approval to support the release of Stevens California Enterprises, Inc., from its Candlestick Park Stadium Concession Lease with the City.

Assistant General Manager for Administration, Phil Arnold, explained that when the Giants selected its new concessionaire, Stevens Enterprises asked the Department to release them from its obligations under the concession agreement for the football season. Stevens Enterprises has now vacated the stadium and Mr. Arnold has sent a letter endorsing a conditional release of Stevens. The release is premised on the outcome of the final audit which is now being conducted by the Controller's Office.

On recommendation of the Candlestick Park, Yacht Harbor and Golf Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Farrow, seconded by Commissioner Sommer, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16618

RESOLVED, That this Commission supports the release of Stevens California Enterprises, Inc., from its Candlestick Park Stadium Concession Lease with the City.

11. **CANDLESTICK PARK PARKING LOT**
FLEA MARKETS

Approval to hold a series of flea markets in the Candlestick Park parking lot.

Assistant Superintendent of Parks, Jim Cooney, explained that the Commission has previously given staff the authority to negotiate multiple day events and fees in the parking lot. However, the intent of the Commission was to approve common place events such as car shows, commercials, etc.

11. **CANDLESTICK PARK PARKING LOT**
FLEA MARKETS (Continued)

Mr. Cooney explained that this request is to hold a minimum of 6 flea markets in the Spring and Fall of this year on weekends in the parking lot. The events will be scheduled between the athletic events held at the stadium. A tentative contract has been negotiated with the sponsor guaranteeing the Department a minimum of $5000 per event. The money is generated through parking fees. The Department will also be reimbursed for any direct costs such as staffing, lighting, etc., from these events. He recommended approval of the item.

In response to Commissioner Sommer's question, Mr. Cooney explained that a separate tentative contract has been established with San Francisco Parking, Inc., to handle parking for the events. Commissioner Sommer also requested that the contract include a recycling program.

On recommendation of the Candlestick Park, Yacht Harbor and Golf Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Farrow, seconded by Commissioner Sommer, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16619

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the agreement provided that a recycling program is developed for the flea markets.

12. **CONSERVATORY OF FLOWERS**
ASSIGNMENT OF SUBLEASE

Approval of the assignment of the sublease to Fred Lo for the gift shop and admission collections at the Conservatory of Flowers and ratification of interim permit.

Assistant General Manager for Administration, Phil Arnold, explained the Department was having difficulty with a concessionaire at the Conservatory of Flowers. This concessionaire was not fulfilling the terms of an agreement with the Conservatory Auxiliary and left in December 1992. The Conservatory Auxiliary has been negotiating with new operators and the Department's concession staff has been collecting admissions. This temporary arrangement was not cost effective and the Auxiliary has found a concessionaire to take over, on an interim basis, pending the approval of the assignment of the lease.

Mr. Fred Lo, the current operator at the Coit Tower and Japanese Tea Garden Garden, has agreed to assume this concession. Staff did not solicit Fred Lo on behalf of the Auxiliary. Staff has never had any problems with areas operated by Mr. Lo and he has followed all requests made of him. Mr. Lo originally placed some walls in the Conservatory which staff asked to be removed and he has done so. The financial provisions of both the permit and sublease documents are stronger than the previous one and are consistent with what the Controller's Audit Division has recommended. Staff has found that Fred Lo has increased revenues for the Department. The Department will receive all admissions although the concessionaire will collect them and will receive 4% of the gross sales from the gift shop. Mr. Arnold recommended approval.

12. CONSERVATORY OF FLOWERS
ASSIGNMENT OF SUBLEASE (Continued)

Mr. Arnold explained there is a pending claim with the previous concessionaire which has not been resolved.

Commissioner Sommer explained that she recently visited the Japanese Tea Garden to see if Mr. Lo had addressed some of the suggestions made by the Golden Gate Park Committee. She felt that very few of the improvements previously suggested had been followed. She further commented that the Commission has also received letters discussing the Tea Garden atmosphere.

Mr. Arnold explained that some of the concerns outlined by Commissioner Sommer were issues that pertain to Department staff rather than Fred Lo. He specifically explained that the number of handwritten signs she witnessed at the admissions booth are the responsibility of the Department.

President Orr said that if this item was approved, Mr. Lo should be informed, once again, that the Commission is aware of some of his past violations, such as placing walls at the Conservatory, and is disturbed by them and will not look ignore those situations in the future.

On recommendation of the Finance and Administration Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Eickman seconded by Commissioner Immendorf, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16620

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the assignment of the sublease to Fred Lo for the gift shop and admission collections at the Conservatory of Flowers and ratification of interim permit.

Approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Commissioners Eickman, Farrow, Immendorf, Orr, Ruiz
Noes: Commissioner Sommer
Absent: Commissioner Chan

13. NEIGHBORHOOD PARK TENNIS COURTS
PERMIT FOR TENNIS LESSONS

Approval to establish annual revocable permits to offer tennis lessons at selected neighborhood parks.

Assistant General Manager for Administration, Phil Arnold, explained that the Golden Gate Park tennis bid package recently rejected by the Commission, contained a provision to offer tennis lessons at 16 neighborhood parks. Staff has reviewed this part of the bid package and felt that the neighborhood tennis court lessons should be severed from the Golden Gate Park tennis court lease.

Therefore, staff proposed that a separate bid package be prepared for the neighborhood parks tennis courts. The proposal is to establish permits, very similar to the push cart permits issued by the Department, with a monthly fee. At each neighborhood park, no more than one court will be designated as a teaching court. In each case, there will be a sign placed at the particular tennis court saying it is teaching court and that there is a teacher who has the right to use that court.

13. **NEIGHBORHOOD PARK TENNIS COURTS**
PERMIT FOR TENNIS LESSONS (Continued)

Staff is requiring at least 2 years of experience as a pro, coach, or teacher in the tennis profession. All of the proposed courts were posted for this proposal. Mr. Arnold recommended approval for staff to proceed to issue one year permits based on the highest bid for each facility meeting the minimum qualifications.

On recommendation of the Finance and Administration Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Farrow seconded by Commissioner Ruiz, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16621

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the establishment of annual revocable permits to offer tennis lessons at the following neighborhood parks:

°Alta Plaza
°Crocker Amazon Playground
°Julius Kahn Playground
°McLaren Park
°Mission Dolores Park
°Moscone Recreation Center
°J. P. Murphy Playground
°Angelo J. Rossi Playground
°Balboa Park
°DuPont Tennis Courts
°Alice Marble Tennis Courts
°Midtown Terrace
°Parkside Square
°Mountain Lake
°North Beach Playground
°St. Mary's Recreation Center

14. **BAY TO BREAKERS**
PARKING PERMIT

Approval of a permit to charge for parking at the West end of Golden Gate Park for the annual Bay to Breakers event.

Assistant General Manager for Administration, Phil Arnold, explained that last year when the budget was put together, the Department planned to to explore charging for parking for special events in Golden Gate Park. The 1993 Bay to Breakers race will be the Department's first opportunity to test this concept. Mr. Arnold distributed a map for the race course and outlined the areas, from Crossover Drive West, which would be closed from midnight before the race to 2:00 p.m. after the race. The parking fee will be the same as what is charged for Municipal Railway (between $5.00-$6.00).

San Francisco Parking, Inc., has agreed to park the vehicles and staff will conduct a drive-through next week outlining the parking areas to them. Every entry point to the park will be staffed in order to control access to the park. The objective is to limit the number of people who park in the park. In the past, people parked in shrubs, grass areas, and any place they could squeeze a vehicle, and ignore the landscape of the park. The revenue to the Department for this event will be minimal but hopefully it will protect the park.

14. **BAY TO BREAKERS**
PARKING PERMIT (Continued)

Mr. Arnold said this parking concept is an experiment which will most likely generate anger and reaction from the neighborhoods on both sides of the park who are already impacted by this annual event. ISCOTT, the City-wide advisory panel on road closures, does not like the concept as it feels Chain of Lakes Drive should remain open.

In response to Commissioner Sommer's question, the Department is working with Bay to Breakers event promoters to notify the public that a fee will be imposed this year to park in Golden Gate Park.

President Orr questioned the financial plan. Mr. Arnold commented that this permit is not designed to generate a great deal of revenue to the Department but rather to protect the park. If this parking plan works, then the Department will use it for the annual Comedy Day held in the park.

On recommendation of the Finance and Administration Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Eickman, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16622

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the permit to charge for parking at the West end of Golden Gate Park for the annual Bay to Breakers event.

15. **GOLDEN GATE PARK**
OUTDOOR ROLLERSKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS
APPEAL OF DENIAL OF FEE WAIVER

Appeal of the staff denial of a fee waiver for two-day event on Sunday, May 30, 1993, and Monday, May 31, 1993, for the 10th Annual "San Francisco Outdoor Rollerskating Championships".

Superintendent of Recreation, Joel Robinson, explained that this item is an appeal of a staff denial of a waiver of a permit fee. In the past, fees were waived for this event. The Golden Gate Park Skate Patrol's fees were waived in lieu of the services they provide in the park on Sundays monitoring the skaters. He said that staff felt the services provided by Skate Patrol on weekends did not warrant a waiver for this particular event. Therefore, staff has imposed a fee of $1350 for the event and recommended that the fee be imposed on Mr. Miles.

David G. Miles, Jr., representing the Outdoor Rollerskating Association of America, said that he asked for a reduction in fees rather than a fee waiver. He said it is his 14th year of being in the park and that the Skate Patrol has never asked the Department for any funding or support. He estimated between 6,000-7,000 skaters visit Golden Gate Park every Sunday and that his organization should receive a partial waiver of fees. He further explained that he paid for the shirts they wear which identify them as the "Golden Gate Park Skate Patrol" and that the walkie talkies they use are old and costly. He said the money raised from this event will allow him to purchase more needed equipment. He explained that there is a cost associated with the services he provides. He said he is associated with the Boy Scouts of America who cover his liability insurance.

15. **GOLDEN GATE PARK**
OUTDOOR ROLLERSKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS
APPEAL OF DENIAL OF FEE WAIVER (Continued)

Barbara Hobie, representing Magic Skates, said the walkie talkies were donated to the Golden Gate Park Skate Patrol. Ms. Hobie distributed correspondence and pictures of the Skate Patrol and said the shirts worn by the Skate Patrol contain advertising not permissible in City's parks. Ms. Hobie submitted a picture of the sound system used by Skate Patrol on Sundays in the park. She felt that the Skate Patrol was a business operating in Golden Gate Park. She further explained that the Skate Patrol disrupted her skate business last week. She was of the opinion that the Skate Patrol was threatening store owners because it wanted to operate a business at Sixth Avenue in Golden Gate Park. She urged the Commission to dissolve the Skate Patrol and said they were not a positive reflection on the Department.

Lee Cole, representing Skates on Haight, explained that he has done a lot of business with David Miles through the years and felt that Mr. Miles operates a for-profit business. In 1989-1991 Skates on Haight gave Mr. Miles over $57,000 in the form of checks and that in 1991 the Outdoor Rollerskating Association received over $50,000 in corporate sponsorship. Mr. Cole said they have written to the Recreation Division regarding Mr. Miles and the fact that he is operating a business in the park and have received no response. Mr. Cole said he pays taxes and contributes to City and County of San Francisco and could not ignore this situation any more.

Carol Sloan, representing Skates on Haight, explained that the situation with Mr. Miles has escalated to a point that she is afraid to bring her children to the park. She felt tensions were such that someone might be injured. She explained that Mr. Miles, at times, uses his microphone in the park to pick on skaters who have rented skates from various stores and is trying to take over. She said that the Department has not been charging Mr. Miles permit fees and yet she has paid fees to him for permits. She further explained that Mr. Miles rents skates and gives lessons in the park under the auspices of the Department. She questioned why he did not have to pay a fee for use of the park while other events were charged. She said that she understood that the Department did not have the time to supervise Mr. Miles' actions but urged the Commission to review his activities.

Dave Hobie, representing Magic Skates, urged the Commission to take a good, hard look at this situation.

In response to Commissioner Ruiz's question, Commissioner Immendorf explained that the Finance and Administration Committee recommended upholding the staff denial because of the many people present who spoke and raised disturbing issues. He said that Mr. Miles was not present at that meeting.

Commissioner Eickman felt there was no basis for the Finance and Administration Committee to disagree with staff's position. He said it was a profit making enterprise which should pay a fee like everyone else. He further stated that the other issues raised today were not before the Commission and, as such, the fee waiver was the only matter under consideration.

15. **GOLDEN GATE PARK**
OUTDOOR ROLLERSKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS
APPEAL OF DENIAL OF FEE WAIVER (Continued)

In response to Commissioner Ruiz's question, Mr. Robinson explained that other groups are charged fees and, as a practice, waivers are not granted for profit organizations.

Ms. Burns said the fact that Mr. Miles is charging for his event is an issue and that Mr. Robinson has questioned the value of his services.

President Orr was very concerned about this matter and said it appeared that the Commission was not dealing with a non-profit organization, that Mr. Miles seems to use a sound system without a sound permit, and that payments are required of people. He felt these charges would have to be addressed by the Department.

Mr. Miles said he is affiliated with the Boy Scouts and had an agreement with Recreation and Park and was never notified of the Commission meetings. He said he can bring thousands of people to the Commission who can speak of the number of things he has done for the Department. He said nobody has informed him of these concerns.

Commissioner Eickman said that if Mr. Miles filed an appeal he was aware that there was a future hearing and that the issues raised should be examined.

President Orr said that many things need to be examined in the next few months regarding the Skate Patrol and that the appeal is the only matter before the Commission. He asked staff to begin to take the necessary steps to resolve this issue.

On recommendation of the Finance and Administration Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Eickman, seconded by Commissioner Ruiz, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16623

RESOLVED, That this Commission upholds the staff decision to deny the fee waiver for two-day event on Sunday, May 30, 1993, and Monday, May 31, 1993, for the 10th Annual "San Francisco Outdoor Rollerskating Championships".

16. **ACCEPTANCE OF GIFT**

On motion of Commissioner Immendorf, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16624

RESOLVED, That this Commission accepts the following gift valued at $4,235.00, for the Recreation and Park Department:

a. From the Strybing Arboretum Society, the following miscellaneous gifts valued at $4,325.00, for the Strybing Arboretum and Botanical Gardens:

Garden Interns.....	$1,773.00	Plants & Seeds.....	1,154.00
Plant Labeling.....	798.00	Materials & Supplies.	600.00

FURTHER RESOLVED, That a letter of thanks shall be sent to the donor.

17. PUBLIC COMMENT

At this time members of the public may address the Commission on items that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Recreation and Park Commission. Members of the public may address the Commission for up to three minutes. The President or the Commission may limit the total testimony to 30 minutes.

Andy Solow, discussed the Native American remains at Dolores Park. Mr. Solow researched this issue and discovered that the Native Americans who came and spoke to the Open Space Advisory Committee are not certified by the Native American Commission to speak on the rights for Native Americans for the San Francisco Bay Area. He presented a letter from Andrew Galvin, who saw no reason to not support placing a soccer field at Dolores Park. He presented a map he obtained from the San Francisco History Room which showed that a cemetery was located in the same place where the tennis courts are currently located and where he proposed that a soccer field be built.

18. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Orr did not submit a report due to the timing of the Joint Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission and City Planning Commission to be held at 5:30 p.m., 4/15/93 but did remind the Commission of the Special Commission meeting to be held on Monday, 4/19/93, at 4:00 p.m.

19. COMMISSION COMMITTEE REPORTS

The following Commission Committee reports were submitted for the record:

Joint Zoo Committee Meeting of March 3, 1993
Finance and Administration Committee Meeting of April 1, 1993
Candlestick Park, Golf and Yacht Harbor Committee Meeting of April 1, 1993
Golden Gate Park Committee Meeting of April 5, 1993
Parks and Planning Committee Meeting of April 6, 1993

20. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the 681st Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shauna Marie Rose
Commission Secretary

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RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION
AND
CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

Thursday, April 15, 1993 - 5:30 P.M.
Room 282 City Hall

ACTION CALENDAR

1. ROLL CALL

°Recreation and Park Commission	°City Planning Commission
Present:	Present:
Commissioner Trent W. Orr, President	Sidney Unobskey, President
Commissioner Jack Immendorf, Vice Pres	Frank S. Fung, Vice President
Commissioner Keith Eickman	M. Toby. Levine
Commissioner Bella Farrow	Susan E. Lowenberg
Commissioner Santiago Ruiz	David Prowler (alternate for CAO)
Commissioner Sue Sommer	Absent: Ellis Smith
Absent:	Romaine Boldridge (alternate
Commissioner Sidney Chan	for Gen Mgr, PUC)

2. DOWNTOWN OPEN SPACE FUND **RES. NO. 16625**
CENTRAL EMBARCADERO PROJECT

Consideration of a resolution authorizing the use of up to $197,000 of Downtown Open Space Fund for completion of the preliminary design work (design development) for the Central Embarcadero Open Space Project.

MOTION: Eickman SECONDED: Ruiz ACTION: Approved

3. OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION AND PARK RENOVATION FUND **RES. NO. 16226**
1993-1994 RECOMMENDATIONS

Presentation of report by the General Manager of the Recreation and Park Department on the 1993-94 Open Space Acquisition and Park Renovation Fund and five year renovation and maintenance plan and adoption of recommendations contained in this report and the five year plan.

MOTION: Ruiz SECONDED: Immendorf
Motion to adopt the report failed to pass by the following vote:
Ayes: Commissioners Farrow, Immendorf, Ruiz
Noes: Commissioners Eickman, Orr, Sommer
Absent: Commissioner Chan

MOTION: Eickman SECONDED: Sommer
Motion to adopt the Report with the exception of the placement of the soccer field Dolores Park
Approved unanimously

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Edith McMillan discussed the need to preserve the City's open space.

5. ADJOURNMENT 11:25 p.m.

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Frank M. Jordan, Mayor

RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION
AND
CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

MINUTES

SPECIAL JOINT MEETING

THURSDAY, APRIL 15, 1993

The Special Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission and City Planning Commission was called to order on Thursday, April 15, 1993, at 6:05 p.m. by President Sidney Obnoskey and President Trent W. Orr.

1. **ROLL CALL**

°Recreation and Park Commission

Present:

Trent W. Orr, President
Jack Immendorf, Vice President
Keith Eickman
Bella Farrow
Santiago Ruiz
Sue Sommer

Absent:

Sidney Chan

°City Planning Commission

Present:

Sidney Unobskey, President
Frank S. Fung, Vice President
M. Toby Levine
Susan E. Lowenberg
David Prowler (alternate for the Chief Administrative Officer)

Absent:

Ellis Smith
Romaine Boldridge (alternate for the General Manager, Public Utilities Commission)

2. **DOWNTOWN OPEN SPACE FUND**
CENTRAL EMBARCADERO PROJECT

Consideration of a resolution authorizing the use of up to $197,000 of Downtown Open Space Fund for completion of the preliminary design work (design development) for the Central Embarcadero Open Space Project.

2. DOWNTOWN OPEN SPACE FUND
CENTRAL EMBARCADERO PROJECT (Continued)

Chief of Comprehensive Planning, Rebecca Kohlstrand, explained that this item is a request to authorize the use of $197,000 from the Downtown Park Fund to continue the development of the Embarcadero Open Space project. She described the areas, under Recreation and Park jurisdiction, which include the existing Justin Herman Plaza and the area directly north of that, totaling 4.7 acres. Staff is considering the use of the parcels of land adjacent to this property which is currently owned by combination of the State and City totaling 3.05 acres. There is property adjacent to the Embarcadero which could add an additional 2 to 3 acres to the designated open space.

The Downtown Park Fund was adopted in 1985 in order to provide a source of funds for acquisition and development of downtown parks that would benefit the daytime population of the downtown use districts. The funds are jointly administered by the Recreation and Park Commission and City Planning Commission. To date, approximately $2.7 million has been collected and the current balance of the Downtown Park Fund is approximately $930,000.

In 1989 the joint Commissions appropriated monies for the acquisition and development of the Rincon Park site in conjunction with the Embarcadero roadway project. Subsequently in 1990 it was estimated that the cost of the acquisition of that parcel was $3.3 million. $1.74 Million has been appropriated from the Downtown Park Fund towards the acquisition of that property. The remainder of the cost of the acquisition was appropriated from the San Francisco County Transportation Authority.

Ms. Kohlstrand then gave a brief overview of the mid-Embarcadero Project explaining that in 1991 Mayor Agnos asked that a plan be developed as a result of the demolition of the mid Embarcadero Freeway. In 1991, the Transportation Authority funded $250,000 to conduct a pedestrian study in conjunction with the Embarcadero project. Technical advisors included representatives from the Port Authority and City Planning, Recreation and Park Department, the Redevelopment Agency, Arts and Public Utilities Commissions, the Municipal Railway and the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO). The CAO has been asked to undertake the project to create a civic open space at the connection of Market Street, the Embarcadero and Ferry Building. She requested funding for the second phase of the open space planning process.

Emilio Cruz, representing the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), explained that on 9/16/92, Mayor Frank Jordan requested the CAO to assume responsibility for the coordination of the Mid-Embarcadero Open Space Project. The resolution proposed will allocate $197,000 to fund Phase II of this project. It will take 12 months to analyze the implementation strategies and prepare land use and zoning studies for the project.

Park Planner, Deborah Learner, explained that this phase of the project will focus on identifying the areas that have been incorporated into the new open space for the Embarcadero area and to develop a program. She said the mid Embarcadero project area is significant open space and urged that the money be appropriated for this study.

2. **DOWNTOWN OPEN SPACE FUND**
CENTRAL EMBARCADERO PROJECT (Continued)

In response to Commissioner Levine's questions, Mr. Cruz explained that staff will work closely with the Port Commission and that a policy steering committee is in place, composed of 10 City departments to continue to work together on this project.

In response to Commissioner Fung's question on whether there were restrictions on the use of funds for design versus acquisition/development, Ms. Kohlstrand said the City Attorney has advised that design feasibility falls within the realm of the development category. He asked if there were other City Departments that would fund the design for the Mid-Embarcadero project. Ms. Kohlstrand did not know of another funding source and hoped that this phase of the project will help to identify potential funding sources.

Commissioner Sommer asked why it is proposed that the "F" Line would turn at Steuart Street. Mr. Cruz explained the consultant recommended this turn for safety reasons and so the open space would not be bisected.

Bob Friese, member of the Citizens Advisory Committee on the Embarcadero Project, explained that they have been meeting over 2 years and that the money allocated for urban design was very limited. He said this dollar amount is for a lesser amount than originally proposed and supported the request. He cautioned the Commissions that this request requires much of the work to be done in-house within City agencies. He urged that the urban design work proceed with input from the private sector, neighborhood groups, property owners, etc. He explained that this project will require over 15 different commission approvals and that all agencies must work closely together.

James Haas, explained that this project is a result of the earthquake, has been in the works for nearly 3-1/2 years. He explained that the advisory committee must continue to meet and that it is an extraordinary resource. He said this project will require numerous approvals from governmental agencies. He urged the Commissions to support the expenditure.

Sue Hestor, said that although this may be a worthy project, the legal use of the Downtown Open Space Fund has been totally ignored. She said the Downtown Open Space Fund was established to acquire open space sites because there was a need for additional parks and recreational facilities in the downtown districts. She said this Fund is to be used solely to acquire public recreation and park facilities for use by downtown population within that use district. She did not think this was a proper expenditure of funds and thought it may be used to fund positions of the Chief Administrative Officer's staff.

Dehnert Queen, said the Commission was abusing it police powers and that in 1984 the City entered into an agreement to build the Mission Bay Project and in 1986-1988 spent millions to design the waterfront. He questioned how the City can be a partner in ventures such as Mission Bay because he felt it was a conflict of interest. He further explained that rerouting traffic to Mission Bay will leave the Northern waterfront out in the cold.

2. **DOWNTOWN OPEN SPACE FUND**
CENTRAL EMBARCADERO PROJECT (Continued)

Stewart Morton, said that as a member of the Citizens Advisory Committee, he urged that the Commissions approve this item.

Ms. Walters, from the Golden Gateway Center, felt that money should not be appropriated for a study when the City did not know exactly what it intended to do. She attended all of the Advisory Committee meetings and said that traffic is horrendous since the freeway was torn down. She said they are proposing to tear down the Vaillencourt Fountain and that too many buildings shade the area already and that no more buildings were needed.

Kelly Cullen, representing the Tenderloin community, questioned whether this expenditure was an appropriate use of the Downtown Open Space Fund. He said the map displayed by staff showed 8 pockets of green open space in the Embarcadero. Meanwhile, there is no open space in South of Market area. He said the policy speaks about a variety of open space throughout downtown, not just at the Ferry Building. He asked if this fund was being used to acquire land or for some other purpose.

Peter Moylen, Director of San Francisco Tomorrow, said his organization was excited about this project and the future of the Embarcadero. But, he questioned the use of the Downtown Plan monies for this design study. He recognized the City's budget constraints and said that $930,000 is a small amount to acquire downtown open space. He opposed this expenditure and urged the Commissions to reconsider this plan.

In response to Commissioner Levine's question, Ms. Kohlstrand said that City Planning is seeking to identify other funding sources and that they are trying to continue this project in conjunction with the Embarcadero roadway project.

President Orr said he was concerned about the small size of this fund and the large amount of money going for this purpose. He, like Commissioner Levine, wanted to find some way to guarantee that this money would be returned to the Fund for acquisition.

Ms. Learner said that there is an urgency because the roadway project is proceeding and that the existing open space must be designed in conjunction with the roadway project. She said although it would be desirable to find another funding source, it was important for the projects to proceed concurrently.

City Planning Director, Lou Blazej, urged the Commissions to approve this item and said the key component for the whole planning process is not only acquisition and development but to develop an on-going maintenance funding plan. He said that that ideally the development proposal will achieve enough resources to pay back monies to the Downtown Open Space Fund.

Commissioner Fung said these funds will be utilized as seed money to set up and establish a funding mechanism for the central Embarcadero Project.

Commissioner Eickman felt this project could create a major open space for San Francisco and that the money should be appropriated for the design.

2. **DOWNTOWN OPEN SPACE FUND**
CENTRAL EMBARCADERO PROJECT (Continued)

On motion of Commissioner Eickman, seconded by Commissioner Ruiz, the following resolution was adopted:

RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION
RES. NO. 16625

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of San Francisco on September 17, 1985 approved the creation of a Downtown Park Special Fund, Planning Code Section 139, establishing a special fund to be used solely for the acquisition and development of public recreation and park facilities for use by the daytime population of the C-3 Use Districts; and

WHEREAS, Planning Code Section 139(f) provides that a special fund shall be created entitled the Downtown Park Fund ("Fund") which shall be administered and allocated jointly by the City Planning Commission and the Recreation and Park Commission acting jointly for the acquisition of property for park use and/or development of property for park use; and

WHEREAS, the Downtown Park Fund also stipulates that the Recreation and Park Commission shall alone administer the development of the recreational and park facilities on any acquired property designated for park use by the Board of Supervisors, using such monies as have been allocated for that purpose at a joint meeting of both commissions; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolutions 262-90 and 796-90 on April 16, 1990 and September 24, 1990, respectively, calling for the demolition of the damaged mid section of the Embarcadero Freeway and endorsing the concept of a subsurface or surface alternative as a replacement facility; and

WHEREAS, the removal of the freeway will reclaim the City's waterfront and create a major new public open space, incorporating the existing Justin Herman, Embarcadero and Ferry Plazas, adjacent to the redesigned Embarcadero Roadway; and

WHEREAS, the Mid-Embarcadero Open Space Project is considered a high priority project for the City; and

WHEREAS, the Mid-Embarcadero Open Space area is currently used extensively by the daytime population of the downtown and the use is expected to increase with new improvements; and

WHEREAS, a conceptual design phase for the Mid-Embarcadero, funded by the San Francisco County Transportation Authority, will be concluded in February 1993; and

WHEREAS, the Mid-Embarcadero Transportation Project is proceeding through analysis of alternatives and environmental review; and

WHEREAS, the design, engineering and implementation of the Mid-Embarcadero Open Space Project should proceed parallel to the transportation project; and

2. **DOWNTOWN OPEN SPACE FUND**
CENTRAL EMBARCADERO PROJECT (Continued)

RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION
RES. NO. 16625 (Continued)

WHEREAS, on October 10, 1989, the Recreation and Park Commission and the City Planning Commission passed Resolutions 15498 and 11768, respectively, to authorize the allocation of Downtown Park Funds, as necessary, for the acquisition and/or development of the Rincon Park site along the Embarcadero; and

WHEREAS, approximately $1.4 million of the Downtown Park Fund and $1.9 million of Transportation Authority funds have been spent to date towards the estimated purchase price of $3.3 million for the Rincon Park site. Other funding sources are proposed to reimburse the Transportation Authority and cover the remaining costs of development. If sufficient funds are not forthcoming from these other sources, then the Downtown Park Funds, as necessary, will be used for reimbursement of the $1.9 million spent by the Transportation Authority to cover cost of acquisition; and

WHEREAS, the current balance of the Downtown Park Fund is $929,534 from fees paid in accordance with Section 139 of the Planning Code; and

WHEREAS, this phase of the Mid-Embarcadero Open Space Project is estimated to cost approximately $197,000 over a one year period and will produce a financing and implementation strategy for development and maintenance of the open space, land use studies for the properties to be transferred to the City as a result of freeway demolition, a programming strategy for the open space area, and a work scope for the design phase of the project; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Recreation and Park Commission hereby expresses its support for the creation of a major civic space at the foot of Market Street to reconnect the City with its waterfront; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Recreation and Park Commission, acting jointly with the City Planning Commission, authorizes the appropriation of $197,000 from the Downtown Park Fund for the continued development of the Mid-Embarcadero Open Space Project.

On motion of Commissioner Fung, seconded by Commissioner Levine, the following resolution was adopted:

CITY PLANNING COMMISSION
RES. NO. 13505

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of San Francisco on September 17, 1985, approved the creation of a Downtown Park Special Fund, Planning Code Section 139, establishing a special fund to be used solely for the acquisition and development of public recreation and park facilities for use by the daytime population of the C-3 Use Districts; and

WHEREAS, Planning Code Section 139(f) provides that a special fund shall be created entitled the Downtown Park Fund ("Fund") which shall be administered and allocated jointly by the City Planning Commission and the Recreation and Park Commission acting jointly for the acquisition of property for park use and/or development of property for park use; and

2. **DOWNTOWN OPEN SPACE FUND**
CENTRAL EMBARCADERO PROJECT (Continued)

CITY PLANNING COMMISSION
RES. NO. 13505 (Continued)

WHEREAS, the Downtown Park Fund also stipulates that the Recreation and Park Commission shall alone administer the development of the recreational and park facilities on any acquired property designated for park use by the Board of Supervisors, using such monies as have been allocated for that purpose at a joint meeting of both Commissions; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolutions 262-90 and 796-90 on April 16, 1990 and September 24, 1990, respectively, calling for the demolition of the damaged mid section of the Embarcadero Freeway and endorsing the concept of a subsurface or surface alternative as a replacement facility; and

WHEREAS, the removal of the freeway will reclaim the city's waterfront and create a major new public open space, incorporating the existing Justin Herman, Embarcadero, and Ferry Plazas, adjacent to the redesigned Embarcadero Roadway; and

WHEREAS, the Mid-Embarcadero Open Space project is considered a high priority project for the City; and

WHEREAS, the Mid-Embarcadero Open Space area is currently used extensively by the daytime population of the downtown and the use is expected to increase with new improvements; and

WHEREAS, a conceptual design and pedestrian circulation phase for the Mid-Embarcadero, funded by the San Francisco County Transportation Authority, was concluded in March, 1993; and

WHEREAS, the Mid-Embarcadero Transportation Project is proceeding through analysis of alternatives and environmental review; and

WHEREAS, the design, engineering, and implementation of the Mid-Embarcadero Open Space project should proceed parallel to the transportation project; and

WHEREAS, on October 10, 1989, the City Planning Commission and the Recreation and Park Commission passed Resolutions 11768 and 15498, respectively to authorize the allocation of Downtown Park Funds, as necessary, for the acquisition and/or development of the Rincon Park site along The Embarcadero; and

WHEREAS, approximately $1.4 million of Downtown Park Fund and $1.9 million of the Transportation Authority fund, has been spent toward the purchase price of $3.3 million for the Rincon Park site. Other funding sources are proposed to reimburse the Transportation Authority and cover the remaining costs of development. If sufficient funds are not forthcoming from these other sources, then Downtown Park Funds, as necessary, will be used for reimbursement of the $1.9 million spent by the Transportation Authority to cover costs of acquisition; and

2. **DOWNTOWN OPEN SPACE FUND**
CENTRAL EMBARCADERO PROJECT (Continued)

CITY PLANNING COMMISSION
RES. NO. 13505 (Continued)

WHEREAS, the current balance of the Downtown Park Fund is $929,634 from fees paid in accordance with Section 139 of the Planning Code; and

WHEREAS, this phase of the Mid-Embarcadero Open Space project is estimated to cost approximately $197,000 and will produce a financing and implementation strategy for development and maintenance of the open space, land use studies to delineate park boundaries for properties to be transferred to the City as a result of freeway demolition, a programming strategy for the open space area, and a work scope for the design phase of the project; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the City Planning Commission hereby expresses its support for the creation of a major civic space at the foot of Market Street to reconnect the City with its waterfront; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Planning Commission, acting jointly with the Recreation and Park Commission, authorizes the appropriation of $197,000 from the Downtown Park Fund for the continued development of the Mid-Embarcadero Open Space project.

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3. **OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION AND PARK RENOVATION FUND**
1993-1994 RECOMMENDATIONS

Presentation of report by the General Manager of the Recreation and Park Department on the 1993-94 Open Space Acquisition and Park Renovation Fund and five year renovation and maintenance plan and adoption of recommendations contained in this report and the five year plan.

General Manager Mary E. Burns, explained that the City is very fortunate to have the Open Space Fund and outlined some of the accomplishments of the Open Space Program since the Commissions met last year:

Accomplishments

- Chinatown park site - on 4/12/93 the City took possession of the Cathay mortuary site and toxic and asbestos work has begun in the building. The demolition contract is now being developed.
- The Tenderloin recreation center site is now out to bid and staff hopes to be under construction by mid-summer.
- Preliminary design approval has been given for the Richmond Recreation Center.
- India Basin acquisition and clean up has been completed and the design process is underway.
- Redesign of Alioto Mini Park is underway
- Washington Hyde Mini Park has been out to bid twice and the bids were rejected; the project will go out to bid again.
- Randall Museum Auditorium is 50% complete
- Golden Gate Park Bandshell renovation is underway
- Cow Hollow Playground Renovation has been completed
- Design phase of the Jose Coronado Playground renovation is about 30% complete.

3. **OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION AND PARK RENOVATION FUND 1993-1994 RECOMMENDATIONS (Continued)**

Accomplishments (Continued)

- Contract has been awarded for the Civic Center Playground and for the renovation of Precita Playground
- Pioneer Log Cabin Renovation is about 50% complete
- Golden Gate Park Master Plan process is underway.

Acquisition

- Rock Outcrop Acquisition was appealed and the City prevailed
- Significant Natural Areas
  -Bayview Hill -- awaiting estimates before appraisal is completed.
  -Real Estate has reached an impasse with the developer for "O'Shaughnessy Hollow and Hawk Hill" and the Recreation and Park Commission will consider these matters in the future.
  -In the process of acquiring Parcel 4 at Ocean Beach. Real Estate Department reports that they will most likely reach an impasse on the acquisition of that property.
  -Trust for Public Land is negotiating the acquisition of the property at 23rd and Treat Streets.
  -Real Estate reports agreement has been reached on 3 of the 4 parcels of land for the new South of Market park at 7th and Harrison Streets.
- Afterschool Program continues to be very successful and operates at 35 sites, mostly on School District property, and serves approximately 100,000 children annually.

Ms. Burns thanked the staff of the two commissions and members of the Open Space Advisory Committee for their work. She said there are several millions dollars of requests for projects and it is difficult to reach a balanced recommendation. She was also pleased that some of the commissioners participated in the annual Open Space Tour.

Assistant General Manager for Administration, Phil Arnold, gave an overview of the Open Space Program (Proposition E) explaining that in the Charter an allocation formula specifies that not more than 40% of total fund shall be allocated for maintenance of properties previously acquired under the Open Space Program. The remainder of the fund shall be allocated as follows:

a. 20% for the operation of the After School Program (12% of total fund).
b. At least 40% for acquisition and development (24% of total fund).
c. At least 15% for renovation (9% of total fund).
d. No more than 25% for administration, programs and maintenance of new open space properties and renovated open space facilities (15% of total fund).

The allocation for this year's program is approximately $16,000,000. The following shows expenditures for each category as well as percentage of the total fund:

After School Program	$ 1,920,000 (12%)
Acquisition and Development	5,813,500 (36%)
Renovation	1,266,500 (8%)*
Proposition J Maintenance	6,380,000 (40%)
Administration	620,000 (4%)

*Charter Section 6.413 (c)6 allows a Renovation allocation of less than 9% as long as a five-year average results in a 9% allocation to that category

3. **OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION AND PARK RENOVATION FUND 1993-1994 RECOMMENDATIONS (Continued)**

Mr. Arnold then outlined the spending plan:

After school programs have been establisned at the 36 sites. (**Note for the Record:** For informational purposes the after school sites are as follows: Alamo School Yard, Aptos Middle School Gym, Alvarado School Yard, Luther Burbank, Duboce Park, Sir Francis Drake, Francisco, Francisco Middle, Bret Harte, Hawthorne, Hillcrest Schoolyard, Guadalupe School Yard, Lafayette School Yard, Hillcrest, Horace Mann, Jefferson, Marshall, Larsen, Jean Parker, Lawton, George Peabody, Lincoln, Plaza East, Monroe, Redding, Jose Ortega, Roosevelt, Ping Yuen, Paul Revere, Spring Valley, Junipero Serra, Starr King, Sutter Playground, Visitacion Valley Gym, Commodore Stockton, Visitacion Valley School Yard and Raphael Weill.)

ACQUISITION AND DEVELOPMENT - $ 5,813,500 (36%)

° Bonview Lots (4 Lots in Bernal area)	$ 50,000
° Brewster/Franconia Acquisition (Community Garden)	25,000
° Brooks Park Acquisition	100,000*
° Evans/Hunters Point Boulevard Triangle	-0-
° Mullen/Peralta Acquisition	100,000

Mr. Arnold then outlined the balance of the plan as follows:

° Significant Natural Areas - Funding	1,403,500
° °Bayview Hill (Phase One - 7 acre parcel south of the Key Avenue extension) °O'Shaughnessy Hollow °Hawk Hill	
° South of Market Park	800,000
° 23rd/Treat Streets Acquisition/Development	750,000
° Chinatown Park	750,000
° Chinatown Branch Library	120,000
° Community Gardens	50,000
° Randall Museum Environmental Learning Garden	50,000
° Regional Trails/Twin Peaks	50,000
° Richmond Rec Center	650,000
° Soccer Field Development: °Mission Dolores Park °Franklin Square	300,000**
° Transportation Program, City-Wide:	120,000
°Randall Museum Transportation Program	20,000
° Urban Forestry	275,000
° City Attorney	100,000
° Real Estate	100,000
Total Acquisition and Development	$5,813,500

Note for the Record: The *Brooks Park acquisition was deleted by Planning Commission action at this meeting. The **Soccer Field at Mission Dolores was not approved by Recreation and Park Commission at this meeting. The City Attorney has determined that a second joint hearing of the two commissions will be necessary.

3. **OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION AND PARK RENOVATION FUND 1993-1994 RECOMMENDATIONS (Continued)**

Mr. Arnold discussed the Mission District soccer field issue explaining that there were three well attended public hearings held on this issue. The clear case made at these hearings was that there was insufficient open space in the Mission for soccer. He explained that 4 sites were reviewed and that none of the sites are big enough for a full size soccer field. However, the Mission Dolores site could accommodate a practice field. Mr. Arnold submitted drawings of the proposed soccer field at Mission Dolores Park. The recommendation is to fund $300,000 to survey, plan, design and, if possible, construct a soccer field which has minimal impact on Mission Dolores Park. There is no funding in the allocation for lighting, fencing or major retaining walls. Mr. Arnold stated that if these amenities were required and desired, those items would need to be funded at some future time.

Mr. Arnold explained that the recommendation is to place a small field at Mission Dolores Park, to be administered through the Recreation and Park's reservation process, that would also allow other non-soccer uses. He further explained that the Open Space Committee also recommended that $350,000 be re-allocated from a previous fiscal year for renovation of soccer fields at Franklin Square site.

RENOVATION - $ 1,266,500 (8%)

° Alamo School Yard	$ -0-
° Alioto Mini Park	15,000
° Chinese Playground	100,000
° Coronado Playground	100,000
° Glen Park Tennis Courts	20,000
° Herz Playground	10,000
° Japan Peace Plaza Renovation	50,000
° Mountain Lake Park Landscape Renovation	155,000
° Potrero Hill Recreation Center	190,000
° Precita Park playground construction	36,500
° Precita Park playground design	25,000
° Silver Terrace Playground (Bleacher area)	25,000
° West Portal Playground Rehabilitation	50,000
° West Sunset Playground	60,000
° On-Going Programs:	
°Natural Areas Management/Implementation	100,000
°Disabled Access	50,000
°Hazardous Materials Abatement	50,000
°Fencing	50,000
°Security lighting	80,000
° Automatic Irrigation at the following sites:	100,000
°Hamilton °McCoppin	
°Palace of Fine Arts °Midtown Terrace	
°Kimbell Field °McKinley Square	
°Bush Street Mini Park °Balboa (part of)	
°Page Street Mini Park °Cosco Triangle	
Total Renovation	$ 1,266,500

3. **OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION AND PARK RENOVATION FUND 1993-1994 RECOMMENDATIONS** (Continued)

Mr. Arnold explained that the Open Space Advisory Committee recommended allocating $40,000 for a new play structure at the Alamo Schoolyard. There is a zero allocation shown in the report because the City Attorney has ruled that the Open Space Funds cannot be used for school district property.

MAINTENANCE OF PREVIOUSLY ACQUIRED OPEN SPACE $6,380,000 (40%)

PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION - $620,000 (4%)

Personal Services	$ 319,296
Non-Personal Services	43,704
Contractual Services	
Environmental Consultant	$ 30,000
Golden Gate Park Master Plan	100,000
Natural Areas Plan	100,000
Disabled Employment	20,000
Translation Services	7,000
Subtotal Contractual Services	257,000
Program Administration Total	$ 620,000

Commissioner Lowenberg said Bernal Heights is not considered a high priority area according to the City's Master Plan yet 3 sites are being proposed for acquisition in this area. She questioned this recommendation and explained that she attended the Open Space tour and viewed the proposed sites. She expressed concern in particular about the Mullen-Peralta site.

Commissioner Eickman said if $300,000 was to be spent on Mission Dolores and $350,000 on Franklin Square and neither one of them would result in a regulation soccer field it seemed more prudent to consider using all the money to build a soccer field at a site such as Potrero del Sol. He did not think it was wise to spend money at both sites without getting a regulation field.

Mr. Arnold explained that there was little public support for a soccer field at Potrero del Sol and that it would require a substantial redesign of the park to accommodate a soccer field.

Commissioner Levine suggested that in the future staff should indicate the other organizations who are working on acquisitions such as San Francisco League of Urban Gardeners (SLUG). She also asked for clarification on "passive" and "active" recreation. She felt that the report did not mention the high need areas that were established under the original Open Space Program.

Mr. Arnold explained that there are no strict guidelines defining "passive" and active" recreation. There is mixed use in a number of the Department's non-regulated parks that can be reserved for athletic events. Mission Dolores Park is one of those park sites. There are soccer games, croquet games, baseball games, demonstrations, picnics, circuses, etc., that all take place at this park.

3. **OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION AND PARK RENOVATION FUND 1993-1994 RECOMMENDATIONS (Continued)**

Mr. Arnold identified the high need areas in the Open Space Program: (1) Tenderloin, (2) Chinatown, (3) Western Addition, (4) South of Market, (5) Mission, and (6) Bayview. In this program substantial allocations have been made to these areas.

Commissioner Fung talked about the 5 Year Plan and asked how the acquisition goals were established.

Ms. Kohlstrand said the City has accomplished most of the acquisitions targeted as "high need". She explained that the last time the Master Plan was reviewed was in 1987 and that a new framework is needed to identify sites in the future. She recommended that an update to the open space element of the Master Plan should be initiated.

Commissioner Levine said staff should proceed with this update.

President Unobskey said there were a number of speakers present to address the Commissions on the proposed soccer field at Mission Dolores Park. He asked those present to stand if they were in favor of the Dolores Park soccer field. Approximately 12 people stood to show they favored the soccer field and approximately 24 stood in opposition.

Ms. Kohlstrand explained that City Planning staff recommended that the entire program be adopted. In response to the concern expressed by members of the City Planning Commission she identified sites that she felt should be given a lower priority. Those sites were Evans/Hunters Point, Brooks Park, and Mullen/Peralta.

Mr. Arnold said if the 2 Commissions do not agree on a specific element of the Open Space Program the Mayor shall decide the issue.*

Public Testimony

Paul Stein, spoke in support of acquisition of the Bonview Lots in Bernal Heights. He urged that this land be acquired for open space for future generations.

Beverly Bagdorf, spoke in support of acquisition of the Bonview Lots.

Juanita Raven, member of the Open Space Advisory Committee, asked the Commissions to accept the report as presented. She said the Committee spent many hours developing the program.

Barbara Judy, member of the Open Space Advisory Committee, discussed the proposed soccer field at Mission Dolores and referenced a letter submitted by 6 members of the Open Space Advisory Committee. She felt it would be beneficial to have a planning study on this issue and that the study should look for locations that do not include displacement of existing activities. She said that full consideration should be given to Recreation and Park's functional needs such as the fact that some of the Department's soccer fields are not fenced and cannot be closed seasonally for turf recovery.

*The City Attorney has since made a determination that if the two commissions cannot agree, they must reconvene at a joint hearing.

3. OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION AND PARK RENOVATION FUND
1993-1994 RECOMMENDATIONS (Continued)

Public Testimony (Continued)

Ailene Herold, representing the Alamo School Playground Renovation, explained that her request to renovate the Alamo Schoolyard play structure was given a "Priority 1" by the Open Space Advisory Committee. She said she was advised by the Committee that they would receive funding for a play structure and felt it was in a high need district. She said the present structure is unsafe and that there is an after school program on site. She questioned the City Attorney's opinion which prohibited Alamo from receiving this funding.

General Manager, Mary E. Burns, explained that the City Attorney has advised that the Open Space Program budget is not a legal source of funds for this particular project. She further explained that she spoke to the City Attorney's Office who advised that afterschool program funds cannot be used for this purpose.

Elena Rogan, a parent who originally submitted the request for funding for a new play structure at Alamo Schoolyard, said that the current play structure is dilapidated and that bits and pieces of it are falling off. She said when she submitted the request she did not identify a funding source and that the Open Space funds should go to children.

Morgan Walford, spoke in support of the acquisition of the Mullen/Peralta sites. He urged that the 4 sites be acquired with Open Space Funds and explained that the proposed development for this site has been postponed until a decision is made by the joint commissions.

Tom White, spoke in support of the acquisition of the Mullen/Peralta site and said that Open Space should be acquired for future generations. He said that if these lots are not acquired they would be developed for residential purposes.

Betty Kilich, spoke in support of the acquisition of the Mullen/Peralta lots and said the demographics show that the area is growing very quickly. She said in a one block radius at Mullen Peralta area there are over 50 children under the age of 12.

Cindy Ehrlich, explained that she is one of the owners of 4 lots at Mullen/Peralta. She said that plans have been completed for a roadway through the lot and that the site is ready for development. She said she personally did not want to see the area developed and that the project was given a Priority 1 by the Open Space Committee.

Mario Valle, spoke in support of the acquisition of the Mullen/Peralta lots and said that he has 5 children who would like to have the area remain as open space.

Lurilla Harris, representing the Farmers Market Task Force, Nevada/Putnum Block Club and Crescent Neighbors, spoke in support of acquisition of Bernal Heights parcels. She said the area has unpaved roads and is one of the most rural areas in the City. She wanted these lots to remain as open space.

3. **OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION AND PARK RENOVATION FUND 1993-1994 RECOMMENDATIONS (Continued)**

Public Testimony (Continued)

Espanola Jackson, spoke in support of acquisition of the Bayview Hill. She further explained that she was surprised at the number of people who stood to show their opposition to the soccer field at Mission Dolores Park. She said as a representative of Aboriginal Tribe there isn't a need to be concerned about the burial remains at Mission Dolores Park. She urged the Commissions to consider future generations of San Franciscans.

Douglas Hague, spoke in opposition of the soccer field at Mission Dolores Park. He said this park is frequently used for multi-purposes and for over 80 years Dolores Park has served the area well. He explained this park offers green lawns, trees and beauty and has a history which is virtually unique in the City. He said if the soccer field is placed in the park there will be a need, in the future, for bleachers, fencing and restrooms. He said Dolores Park has a kind of amphi theater feature that should not be modified.

Don Hastler, submitted a petition of signatures against the soccer field at Dolores Park. He felt that the money should be channeled into Mission High School or to Everett Middle School to construct a full soccer field in the Mission District.

Kevin Siegel, explained that he is a child care worker and a teacher who is opposed to the placement of a soccer field at Mission Dolores Park. He said it will not satisfy the soccer players.

Ed Harley, spoke in opposition of the concept of a soccer field at Mission Dolores Park. He opposed the concept because of the cost, the fact that there are other alternatives available and it would be contrary to the original purpose of the park. He said originally this area was a Jewish cemetary and that the land was donated to mothers and children. He felt that this spirit should be maintained.

Eileen Gold, representing Dolores Park Coalition, spoke in support of a soccer field at Mission Dolores Park. She said the area is overrun with drug dealers. She said at a Dolores Park coalition meeting over 400 neighbors supported the soccer field proposal. She urged the Commission to approve the soccer field at Dolores Park.

Lupe Arabolos, Assistant Principal at Mission High School, appeared as an advocate for the placement of a soccer field at Dolores Park. She said Mission High School's 1400 students favor this proposal. She explained that Mission High School has one field that is set aside for baseball, soccer, football, junior varsity, cross country, softball, etc. and that there was a dire need for the soccer field at Mission Dolores.

E. Newlin, spoke in support of the soccer field at Mission Dolores Park. She said that there was a need for more opportunities for young people and if they could play soccer in their own neighborhood it would reduce some of the problems they have in the Mission.

3. **OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION AND PARK RENOVATION FUND 1993-1994 RECOMMENDATIONS (Continued)**

Public Testimony (Continued)

Vicky Rega, spoke in support of the soccer field at Mission Dolores Park. She said the field would take a small portion of the park. She urged the Commissions to care about the City's children and approve the placement of the soccer field at Mission Dolores Park.

Claire Isaacs, a member of the Open Space Advisory Committee, said that Dolores Park does not just offer a spectacular view, but the crown of the hill is a unique area. She felt that there is a need for more soccer fields in the City but this concept would change the role of the park. She said that Open Space transportation funds should be used to transport children to existing parks. She thought, perhaps the Dolores Park tennis courts could be relocated to another area in the Mission and the soccer field could be considered at this location in the park. She said the City needed to protect the other uses at Dolores Park.

Andrew L. Solow, representing the Mission Youth Soccer League, spoke in support of the soccer field at Dolores Park and said that people don't want the Mission District children playing in their backyards. He said that everyone agrees that children need structured and supervised recreational opportunities but nobody wants to find a place for that activity. He said the proposal is to have 50' by 90' soccer field with no fence, no lights, no bleachers, no goal posts. He said the Mission community has been neglected.

John Barbey, representing Liberty Hill Neighborhood Association, spoke in support of the placement of a soccer field at Dolores Park. He said the park is also used for passive activities such as people walking their dogs. As a volunteer for Mission High School he was aware that the school's field was in constant use. He said the Mission District is dense and that only a small portion of the 12+ acre park would be used for soccer.

Juan Gonzalez, spoke in support of a soccer field at Mission Dolores Park. He said a park is a place where people can enjoy recreation and passive activities. He explained that currently he takes his children to South San Francisco to play soccer because there are no fields in the City. He said that children need a safe place. He said this proposal would be a lifesaver for children.

Drew Tillotson, opposed the placement of a soccer field at Dolores Park. He said he lives adjacent to Dolores Park on Church Street. He opposed the construction of the soccer field and felt it would destroy the park for all the nearby residents. He said the soccer field would create increased traffic and trash. He said he dodges the drug dealers daily and that they will not go away because of the soccer field. Rather, he felt the soccer field would increase the dealer's trade. He urged the Commission not to mar the beauty of the park.

3. **OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION AND PARK RENOVATION FUND 1993-1994 RECOMMENDATIONS (Continued)**

Public Testimony (Continued)

Jake Sigg, spoke in opposition of the soccer field at Mission Dolores Park and explained that he was one of the six members of the Open Space Committee who signed the dissenting letter the soccer field proposal. He suggested that the money be approved for soccer but to not tie it to a specific area. He also commented that the community surrounding Brooks Park worked hard for the acquisition of this parcel land and that if Brooks Park is not acquired the community will be devastated.

Harold Wright, representing the Forest Hill Association, spoke in support of funding for the significant natural areas. He urged that these monies be approved.

Nan McGuire, a member of the Open Space Advisory Committee, said she supported the letter sent by 6 members of the Open Space Advisory Committee. She said a petition of 1500 was submitted urging the Committee to disapprove the soccer field at Dolores Park. She said there are options to explore such as having the Open Space Program fund lighting for the field at Mission High School.

Dan Chumley, representing the San Francisco Mime Troupe, said that soccer is an important concern and that the difficulty is the misuse of existing resources. He said that Dolores Park should be left as a park and should not be terraced in the way that cuts the park. He did not think soccer will stop crime.

Delmar Calwhite, spoke in opposition to funding the soccer field at Mission Dolores Park. He felt the soccer field is incompatible with the use of the park. He said the size of the field will extend the boundaries and that adequate space is needed for errant balls.

Richard Sharez, said he lives in the Mission District and frequently walks his dog. He explained that early in the morning he witnesses drug activity. He said if soccer is brought to the park it will increase the drug activity. Although he liked soccer he did not think it should be placed at Dolores Park.

Brian Freeman, said the soccer field would displace many of the activities that now occur on the lawn space at Dolores Park. He felt that those passive activities contribute enormously to the quality of life in the neighborhood.

Kent Watson, said he is a landscape architect and designs parks by profession. He said that the soccer field issue should be reviewed and not rushed. He said the City needs open space for public assembly, free speech, demonstrations and for play. He noted that Dolores Park is a designated park site for public assembly and that these issues needed to be explored.

3. **OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION AND PARK RENOVATION FUND 1993-1994 RECOMMENDATIONS (Continued)**

Public Testimony (Continued)

Loren Charles, explained that he lives near Dolores Park and said it is a beautiful pocket of open space. He urged the Commission to not touch Dolores Park. He felt that the people promoting soccer are well meaning but soccer will not decrease drug dealing. Dolores Park is an aesthetically pleasing park and the soccer field is not a trivial proposal.

Paul Deutsch, said he supported the movement for more soccer but felt that Dolores Park is the wrong site for a soccer field. He said Dolores Park is a beautiful park and offers a wonderful blend of active and passive recreational use at this site. He said that no formal notification was given to the adjacent neighbors about this proposal and that he was never notified of these public hearings. He said there was clearly a sharp division in the community about this issue.

Mahir Charles, spoke in opposition to the placement of a soccer field at Dolores Park. She said Dolores Park has many churches in the area and on weekends people double park along the street. She was opposed to the soccer field and noted that the increased parking problem as a result of the field had not been addressed. She also expressed concern about the lack of participation of girls in soccer.

Wanda Mills, a member of the California Native Plant Society, spoke on behalf of Brooks Park and outlined the native plants species that were identified at this site. She stated that Brooks Park qualified as a significant natural area and falls within guidelines of Policy 13. She urged the Commissions to acquire this site.

Bob Dutra, Co-Chair of the Open Space Advisory Committee, stated that the Commissions were now witnessing some of the issues his committee faced throughout the year and urged the Commissions to accept the Open Space Program budget as it was presented. He felt it was a good program.

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President Unobskey said it is very difficult to fund all the programs with the City's budget deficit.

Commissioner Immendorf felt that there was consensus that a soccer field was needed but the problem was that it was going to have to be in someone else's back yard. He was concerned about the City's children. He said there was opposition to lights, fences, goal posts, bleachers, retaining walls and that it was made very clear that the soccer field proposed would be non-invasive and that it was a compromise for other uses in the park. He noted that the Chief of Police, Police Commission and the Mayor has endorsed the placement of a soccer field at Dolores Park. He said after listening to all the testimony he recommended that the Commission consider moving forward on a soccer field at Dolores Park.

3. **OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION AND PARK RENOVATION FUND 1993-1994 RECOMMENDATIONS (Continued)**

President Orr said that he did not think anybody on either commission questioned the need for soccer fields in the Mission or throughout the City. He had serious reservations about the Dolores Park soccer field proposal because it involves the displacement of existing park uses in an existing park. President Orr said the City lacks passive use areas in the City and there is a shortage of park lands and open space in the City. He felt that a planning program for soccer fields was important even though it would lengthen the process. He felt issues needed to be reviewed before making the commitment of a soccer field at Dolores Park. He was not prepared to change the traditional use of Dolores Park.

In response to Commissioner Ruiz's questions, Mr. Arnold explained that the Open Space Advisory Committee recommended allocating funds to design and construct a soccer field at Mission Dolores Park. The Recreation and Park Commission would have to review and approve the design of the soccer field. Mr. Arnold clarified the point that the recommendation is to site the soccer field at Dolores Park.

Commissioner Ruiz said that he frequented Dolores Park as an individual and with the Head Start Program on a number of occasions. He said although the park is aesthetically pleasing there are hundreds of kids that need supervised activity. He supported the concept of a soccer field at Dolores Park. He said the residents of that area can be involved in the review process to assure that there will be minimal impact in that area.

Commissioner Sommer said she was a volunteer for the schools, worked with the Big Brother Program and cared about kids. She wanted a soccer field. She felt that this idea was not well thought-out. She felt that Mission Dolores Park is one of the most beautiful places in the City and once this area is gouged out, it can never be restored. She felt that if the soccer field was approved at Mission Dolores Park it will be over-utilized within 6 months and the Recreation and Park Department will not have funds available to renovate the field. She felt that it was unwise to spend over $650,000 for non-regulation soccer fields and that a well thought-out plan was needed.

Commissioner Immendorf commented that a regulation size soccer field was not as necessary as a practice field that can be utilized by the youth of the Mission.

Commissioner Eickman said after hearing the testimony he was not in favor of a soccer field at Dolores Park. He felt an appropriate site for a soccer field is at Potrero del Sol. He thought it was wiser to place the soccer field at this site because there was enough room and that it would be primarily used for soccer. He said there was a dire need for soccer fields for the entire City.

Commissioner Ruiz said the Mission District community has pleaded to the Recreation and Park Department for soccer fields for 18 years. He said the members of the Open Space Committee finally paid attention to their request. He said that the Mission District considered a soccer field at Potrero del Sol over 18 years ago and that the Recreation and Park Commission denied the request. He emphasized the need for recreationa space is great and this request is for only a portion of the park.

3. **OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION AND PARK RENOVATION FUND 1993-1994 RECOMMENDATIONS (Continued)**

Commissioner Farrow said after hearing all of the testimony on the issue she concurred with Commissioners Immendorf and Ruiz and felt it was time to support the soccer field at Dolores Park.

Commissioner Levine gave a historical overview of the Mission. She said the City Planning Department took an interest in the Mission and assigned a planner for implementation of a plan for this part of the City in the 1970s. She said the City acquired Potrero del Sol, Juri Commons and the gymnasium on 23rd and Harrison, all of which were recommended in the original Open Space plan. Commissioner Levine echoed the sentiments of Commissioner Ruiz and said that a commitment is needed for the Mission District. She said there is a need to review the entire issue of soccer in the Mission and the needs of the population and to find a suitable site for a regulation soccer field.

Commissioner Fung clarified the point that $300,000 is proposed for allocation for planning, design and construction.

Steve Shotland, representing City Planning, explained that the City Planning Commission needed to consider the amendments to the Open Space element of the Master Plan and that the City Planning Commission needed to decide which sites should be included.

President Unobskey said the School District is in the process of reviewing all of the school sites and he did not want to intrude in the process. Therefore, he was concerned about the Brooks Park site and wanted to exclude it as one of the open space elements of the Master Plan.

Mr. Arnold explained that several inquiries have been made with the School District and that he met with the Superintendent of the School District who had not expressed an interest in the Brooks Park site.

Commissioner Lowenberg said that since there was so much community support shown for the Mullen/Peralta site she would include it in the open space element although it was not her first choice. She said the Trust for Public Land will participate in the development of some plans for this site.

President Unobskey wanted to make sure that the Superintendent of the Schools was not interested in the Brooks Park site before including it in the open space element of the Master Plan.

Commissioner Fung said that an update was necessary on the open space elements of the City's Master Plan.

Commissioner Lowenberg urged members of the commissions to attend the annual tour to see the needs of the community and neighborhoods. She said the Commissions can work together to develop play areas and recreation space.

3. **OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION AND PARK RENOVATION FUND 1993-1994 RECOMMENDATIONS (Continued)**

Mr. Shotland listed the sites to be added to the open space element of the City's Master Plan: Bonview, Brewster Franconia Lot, Mullen/Peralta site and Evans/Hunters Point. He read the draft resolution to the Commission. He commented that the areas are consistent with the element of the Open Space Program. We will be looking at demographic issues and new goals.

Commissioner Levine clarified that there was funding to update the open space element of the Master Plan. President Unobskey said the General Manager of Recreation and Park department has indicated that funding is set aside for an overall study of the impact of the soccer field in the Mission.

On motion of Commissioner Lowenberg, seconded by Commissioner Fung, the City Planning Commission adopted the following resolution:

CITY PLANNING COMMISSION
RES. NO. 13506

WHEREAS, Pursuant to the San Francisco Charter requirements that the City Planning Commission adopt and maintain, including necessary changes therein, a Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, Certain portions of the Master Plan may over time become obsolete; and

WHEREAS, The City Planning Commission adopted the Recreation and Open Space Element of the Master Plan by Resolution No. 11067 on July 9, 1987; and

WHEREAS, The City Planning Commission amended the Recreation and Open Space Element of the Master Plan by Resolution No. 13149 on August 15, 1991, to add Citywide Policy #13, which states "Preserve and protect significant Natural Areas," and

WHEREAS, The City Planning Commission amended the Recreation and Open Space Element of the Master Plan adopting Resolution No. 13411 on October 1, 1992, to add and revise policies on regional recreational trails; and

WHEREAS, The electorate of San Francisco in November 1988 revised Charter Section 6.413 establishing the San Francisco Park and Open Space Fund to acquire and develop additional public open space, as well as to renovate and maintain it; and

WHEREAS, Since 1987 many of the sites proposed to be acquired as open space in Map 4, the "Citywide Recreation and Open Space Plan" and Map 8, the "Eastern Shoreline Plan," have been or are in the process of being acquired to serve the needs of San Francisco residents; and

WHEREAS, As part of the Case No. 93.148R, the 1993-1994 San Francisco Park and Open Space Program, four sites are proposed for acquisition as public open space that were not identified in the Recreation and Open Space Element as "Proposed Public Open Space"; and

3. **OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION AND PARK RENOVATION FUND 1993-1994 RECOMMENDATIONS (Continued)**

CITY PLANNING COMMISSION
RES. NO. 13506 (Continued)

WHEREAS, there is significant neighborhood support for acquisition of the sites, and there may be a good opportunity to acquire the sites because most of the property owners appear willing to sell the properties to the City for open space use; and

WHEREAS, the sites, contained in EXHIBIT A and listed below, are proposed to be added to Map 4, the "Citywide Recreation and Open Space Plan" to the category "Proposed Public Open Space, Acquire for or Convert to Public Open Space":

1. Bonview lots (Assessor's Block 5614, lots 47-50);

2. Brewster/Franconia lot (Assessor's Block 5556, lot 56);

3. Mullen/Peralta site (Assessor's Block 5538, lots 14, 15, 23, 28, and portions of undeveloped Mullen and Peralta Street rights-of-way);

4. Evans/Hunters Point Boulevard Triangle (Assessor's Block 4646, lots 9-11); and

WHEREAS, the Evans/Hunters Point Boulevard Triangle site, contained in EXHIBIT A, is in addition proposed to be added to Map 8, the "Eastern Shoreline Plan" to the category "Proposed Public Open Space, Acquire for or convert to Public Open Space"; and

WHEREAS, each of the sites proposed for acquisition is either very close to, or contiguous with existing parkland or public open space; and

WHEREAS, there is significant neighborhood support for acquisition of the sites, and there may be a good opportunity to acquire the sites because most of the property owners appear willing to sell the properties to the City for open space use; and

WHEREAS, on balance, the proposed amendments are consistent with the eight priority policies of Planning Code Section 101.1; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Charter Sections 3.525 and 6.413, notice was duly given of a public hearing by the City Planning Commission to consider adoption of an amendment to the Recreation and Open Space Element of the Master Plan, which hearing was held on April 15, 1993; and

WHEREAS, on April 15, 1993, the Planning Commission held a public hearing and considered testimony related to the proposed amendments; and

WHEREAS, the Commission deems the proposed amendments to be appropriate and desires to adopt them as part of the Recreation and Open Space Element of the Master Plan; now, therefore be it

3. **OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION AND PARK RENOVATION FUND 1993-1994 RECOMMENDATIONS (Continued)**

CITY PLANNING COMMISSION
RES. NO. 13506 (Continued)

RESOLVED, that the City Planning Commission, before acting on the proposed Master Plan amendment, does hereby certify that it has reviewed, considered, and approved the information contained in the Certificate of Determination of Exemption/Exclusion from Environmental Review, under General Rule Exclusion [State Guidelines Section 15061 (b)(3)]; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Planning Commission hereby adopts an amendment to the Recreation and Open Space Element of the Master Plan, adding the sites contained in Exhibit A to the category "Proposed Public Open Space, Acquire for or Convert to Public Open Space" in Map 4, the "Citywide Recreation and Open Space Plan," and in addition adding the Evans/Hunters Point Boulevard Triangle site to the category "Proposed Public Open Space, Acquire for or Convert to Public Open Space" in Map 8, the "Eastern Shoreline Plan"; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that $40,000 in funding from The San Francisco Park and Open Space Program, 1993-1994, be used to fund the Department of City Planning to initiate an update of the Recreation and Open Space Element of the Master Plan and the accompanying Programs Report; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of the City Planning Commission shall record the action taken in this Resolution on the adopted amendment and shall certify a copy thereof to the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors in accordance with the Charter.

David Prowler, the alternate for the Chief Administrative Officer, said that the Dolores Park soccer field issue was one of the most difficult questions he has faced. He reiterated the point that this proposal does not include bleachers or fences because he did not want to vote for such a proposal. He said he placed his trust in staff to make sure this does not occur.

On motion of Commissioner Levine, seconded by Commissioner Lowenberg, the City Planning Commission adopted the following resolution:

CITY PLANNING COMMISSION
RES. NO. 13507

WHEREAS, the electorate of San Francisco in November 1988 revised Charter Section 6.413 establishing the San Francisco Park and Open Space Fund to be supported by an annual Ad Valorem tax of two and one-half cents ($0.025) for each one hundred dollars ($100) assessed valuation, for a 15-year period; and

WHEREAS, Charter Section 6.413 specifies that the General Manager of the Recreation and Park Department shall annually present a report on the disposition of the Fund for approval by a majority of each of the Recreation and Park Commission and the City Planning Commission meeting jointly; and

3. **OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION AND PARK RENOVATION FUND 1993-1994 RECOMMENDATIONS (Continued)**

CITY PLANNING COMMISSION
RES. NO. 13507 (Continued)

WHEREAS, in formulating the 1993-1994 program, the fourth year of the program, the General Manager of the Recreation and Park Department closely considered the recommendations of the Park and Open Space Citizen's Advisory Committee, which were made after several months of diligent work that involved community discussions, field investigations, and public hearings; and

WHEREAS, Charter Section 6.413 requires that the program be consistent with the Recreation and Open Space Element of the Master Plan and in accordance with the Recreation and Open Space Programs document; and

WHEREAS, the Recreation and Open Space Element of the Master Plan was amended by CPC Resolution No. 13149 on August 15, 1991, to add Policy 13, which states: "Preserve and protect significant Natural Areas," and includes criteria to determine whether a site constitutes a Significant Natural Resource Area worthy of protection; and

WHEREAS, the Recreation and Park Commission recommends that three sites, Hawk Hill (also known as Funston Terrace), O'Shaughnessy Hollow, and portions of Bayview Hill, be designated as Significant Natural Resource Areas; and

WHEREAS, three sites proposed for acquisition under the Natural Areas Acquisition category, Hawk Hill (also known as Funston Terrace), O'Shaughnessy Hollow, and a portion of Bayview Hill, meet the criteria for Significant Natural Areas contained in Policy 13, and can be considered Significant Natural Areas worthy of protection; and

WHEREAS, the San Francisco Park and Open Space Program was determined by the San Francisco Department of City Planning (hereinafter "Department") to be categorically exempt from the environmental review process pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and the Commission has reviewed and concurs with said determination; and

WHEREAS, the program responds to the Priority Policies of Section 101.1 of the Planning Code; and

WHEREAS, members of the Park and Open Space Citizens Advisory Committee worked to revise and update a Five Year Plan for open space acquisition, development, renovation and maintenance which are consistent with the goals and policies of the Recreation and Open Space Element of the Master Plan and the Recreation and Open Space Programs document; and

WHEREAS, the General Manager of the Recreation and Park Department on April 15, 1993, presented to the two Commissions, meeting jointly, the program entitled "General Manager's Report: Park and Open Space Fund, Fiscal Year 1993-1994," dated April 15, 1993, and the "Open Space Program Five Year Plan 1993-1994"; and

3. **OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION AND PARK RENOVATION FUND 1993-1994 RECOMMENDATIONS (Continued)**

CITY PLANNING COMMISSION
RES. NO. 13507 (Continued)

WHEREAS, four sites proposed for acquisition as public open space were not identified in the Recreation and Open Space Element as "Proposed Public Open Space, Acquire for or Convert to Public Open Space"; and

WHEREAS, the sites: Bonview Lots (Assessor's Block 5614, lots 47-50); Brewster/Franconia site (AB 5556, lot 56); Mullen Peralta site (AB 5538, lots 14, 15, 23, 28, and portions of undeveloped Mullen and Peralta Street r-o-w); Evans/Hunters Point Boulevard Triangle (AB 4646, lots 9-11) have been proposed for acquisition as public open space; and

WHEREAS, each of the sites proposed for acquisition is either very close to, or contiguous to existing parkland or public open space; and there is significant community support for acquisition of the sites for open space purposes; and

WHEREAS, the City Planning Commission considered acquisition of the five sites at a public hearing on April 15, 1993, at which the Commission heard public testimony concerning acquisition of the sites; and

WHEREAS, at the public hearing on April 15, 1993, the Planning Commission also considered Case No. 93.159M, the Proposed amendment of the Recreation and Open Space Element, to add sites to Map 4, the "Citywide Recreation and Open Space Plan" and in addition to add the Evans/Hunters Point Triangle Site to Map 8, the "Eastern Shoreline Plan" under the category "Proposed Public Open Space, Acquire for or Convert to Public Open Space"; and

WHEREAS, prior to approving the Program contained in the "General Manager's Report, San Francisco Park and Open Space Program, Fiscal Year 1993-1994," the City Planning Commission approved Resolution No. 13506, amending the Recreation and Open Space Element of the Master Plan, adding four sites proposed for acquisition as public open space to the Category "Proposed Public Open Space, Acquire for or Convert to Public Open Space" in Maps 4 and 8; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the City Planning Commission does hereby find the program contained in the "General Manager's Report: Park and Open Space Fund, Fiscal Year 1993-1994," to be in conformity with the Recreation and Open Space Element of the Master Plan, and in accord with the Recreation and Open Space Programs document; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Planning Commission does hereby approve the Program, and adopt the budget for allocation and expenditure of the Program Fund, as recorded in the "General Manager's Report, San Francisco Park and Open Space Program, Fiscal Year 1993-1994"; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Planning Commission does hereby approve the recommendations in the updated "Open Space Program Five Year Plan 1993-1994.)"

3. **OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION AND PARK RENOVATION FUND 1993-1994 RECOMMENDATIONS (Continued)**

Commissioner Immendorf asked for clarification on the soccer field issue. He reminded his commissioners that the Mayor has supported the soccer field at Dolores Park.

President Orr suggested that the Commission vote on the matter. He further clarified the point that the Recreation and Park Commission could not vote on the Brooks Park property since the City Planing Commission did not identify it as one of the open space elements of the Master Plan.

On motion of Commissioner Ruiz, seconded by Commissioner Immendorf, the Recreation and Park Commission failed to adopt the Open Space Program budget by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Farrow, Immendorf, Ruiz
Noes: Commissioners Eickman, Orr, Sommer
Absent: Commissioner Chan

President Orr suggested that the remainder of the Open Space Program be adopted with the $300,000 expenditure be allocated for a study for soccer in the Mission. This motion failed due to the lack of a second.

Commissioner Eickman made a motion to adopt the Open Space Program budget excluding the issue of funding the Dolores Park Soccer Field. Commissioner Sommer seconded this motion.

On motion of Commissioner Eickman, seconded by Commissioner Sommer, the Recreation and Park Commission adopted the following resolution:

RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION
RES. NO. 16626

WHEREAS, The electorate of San Francisco in November, 1988, approved a new Charter Section 6.413 establishing the Park and Open Space Fund for a 15-year period; and

WHEREAS, Charter Section 6.413 requires that the Park and Open Space Citizens' Advisory Committee recommend, and the Recreation and Park Commission annually adopt, a Five Year Plan for Acquisition and Development, Renovation and Maintenance, to be updated annually; and

WHEREAS, Charter Section 6.413 also requires that the General Manager of the Recreation and Park Department shall annually present a report on the disposition of the Fund for approval by a majority of each of the Recreation and Park Commission and the City Planning Commission, meeting jointly; and

WHEREAS, In formulating the proposed program, the General Manager of the Recreation and Park Department closely considered the recommendations of the Park and Open Space Citizens' Advisory Committee which were made after months of diligent work that involved community discussions, field investigations and public hearings; and

3. **OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION AND PARK RENOVATION FUND 1993-1994 RECOMMENDATIONS** (Continued)

RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION
RES. NO. 16626 (Continued)

WHEREAS, Charter Section 6.413 requires that the program be consistent with the Recreation and Open Space Element of the Comprehensive Plan (Master Plan) and in accordance with the Recreation and Open Space Programs document; and

WHEREAS, The Office of Environmental Review of the City Planning Department found the submitted program to be categorically exempt from environmental review and has approved the proposed program; and

WHEREAS, The General Manager of the Recreation and Park Department on April 15, 1993, presented to the two Commissions, meeting jointly, a program entitled, "General Manager's Report: Park and Open Space Fund, Fiscal Year 1993/94", dated April 15, 1993; with the exception of the funding to place a soccer field Dolores Park; and

WHEREAS, The Recreation and Park Commission has adopted the Five Year Plan for Acquisition and Development, Renovation and Maintenance, Fiscal Year 1993/94, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Recreation and Park Commission does hereby approve the program, contained in the "General Manager's Report: Park and Open Space Fund, Fiscal Year 1993/94" dated April 15, 1993, which program is hereby found to be in accordance with the Recreation and Open Space Element of the Master Plan and Programs document approved by the City Planning Commission.

Commissioner Immendorf made a motion for the Commission to vote separately on funding for the soccer field at Mission Dolores Park, Commissioner Ruiz seconded this motion. The Recreation and Park Commission voted as follows:

Ayes: Commissioners Farrow, Immendorf, Ruiz
Noes: Commissioners Eickman, Orr, Sommer
Absent: Commissioner Chan

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Edith McMillan, discussed the need to preserve the City's open space. She said the City needed more open space. She said residential properties are growing and has made open space projects not only worthwhile but essential. She felt that $2.3 Million should be set aside for open space acquisition.

5. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the Special Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission and City Planning Commission was adjourned at 11:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shauna Marie Rose
Commission Secretary

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RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION

MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING

MONDAY, APRIL 19, 1993 - 4:00 P.M.

The Special Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Thursday, April 19, 1993, at 4:00 p.m. by President Trent W. Orr.

1. **ROLL CALL**

Present:
Commissioner Trent W. Orr, President
Commissioner Jack Immendorf, Vice President
Commissioner Keith Eickman
Commissioner Bella Farrow
Commissioner Santiago Ruiz
Commissioner Sue Sommer
Absent:
Commissioner Sidney Chan

2. **SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS LEASE AMENDMENT**

Consideration of assignment of a portion of City's food and beverage concession rights to the San Francisco 49ers in return for an increase in Stadium Operator Admission Tax.

Assistant General Manager for Administration, Phil Arnold, explained that this item is an attempt to maximize the revenues for the City, Recreation and Park Department and the 49ers and to capitalize on a one-time opportunity. In 1985 a $1.00 surcharge was placed on the price of the football ticket. This surcharge expired at the end of 1992 season. This dollar could become an additional dollar of admission to a football game or, under this proposal, be a $1.00 addition to the stadium operator admission tax.

If the $1.00 assessment is used as a Stadium Operator Admission tax the $600,000 of revenue will revert to the City's Stadium Fund. This is money the Department did not anticipate receiving.

2. **SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS**
LEASE AMENDMENT (Continued)

If the 49ers agree to this compromise, they want the City's share of the concession revenues from football. The City's share (as of 1993) is 15% of gross sales wnich, based on 1992 revenues, would be approximately $460,000 for 1993.

In the year 2000 there is another provision that is added to this proposal which will give the City 2% of the concession revenues if that 2% is greater than the 15% of everything above $4.5 Million. In the year 2002 the percentage increases to 4% and 6% in 2004. Therefore, the Department is protected and if the concession revenue increases the Department receives tax plus 15% over $4.5 Million.

The City could increase the Stadium Operator Admission Tax and keep the same provision of the concession revenue as is currently done under the lease. However, the 49ers would not be in agreement with the City. Staff is trying to improve the City's and 49ers' position and, at the same time not be losing revenue or fighting with the Department's tenant.

Mr. Arnold further explained that the 49ers have been paying the Stadium Operator Admission Tax and the Giants have not. In the past, the Board of Supervisors has forgiven the Giants from paying this tax but not the 49ers. The 49ers have always felt disadvantaged by this practice. This provision will ensure that the 49ers are not further disadvantaged through the Stadium Operator Admission Tax.

In response to Commissioner Eickman's question, the $1.00 surcharge was done to improve seating at Candlestick Park.

Chief of Staff, James Lazarus, thanked the Commission for holding the special meeting. He explained that in 1985 the 49ers lease was amended to place a $1.00 surcharge (which was approved by the National Football League (NFL) on a temporary basis) per seat, per game, to help fund the expansion and renovation work at Candlestick Park. In 1985 the estimate was that the renovation work would be completed by 1992. Unfortunately all of the work is not completed and there has been delays in completion of the Candlestick Park renovation project.

The other provision required that at such time as the concessionaire Harry M. Stevens, Inc., left Candlestick Park (since the Giants agreement gave them exclusive control over the concession rights at the Stadium) the 49ers would assume control of concessions for the football season.

Commissioner Sommer was concerned that the fan would not like this proposal and expected a $1.00 decrease in the price of their ticket. Mr. Arnold explained that the fans would have paid for $1.00 surcharge regardless and that it would have been divided among the 49ers, the visiting team and the National Football League.

2. **SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS**
LEASE AMENDMENT (Continued)

Commissioner Sommer asked if there was a provision for a portion of this money to come directly to the Recreation and Park Department to offset the budgetary cutbacks being forecast in 1993-1994.

Mr. Lazarus said this money will come to the Stadium Fund. Mr. Arnold said historically the Stadium Fund has been passing money to the General Fund. Mr. Lazarus said he told this Commission last December that he was committed to ensure that the Candlestick Park Fund and Department's Revenue Funds were kept whole and he stood by that commitment.

Mr. Arnold said that the Mayor's Office is still looking for a $5 Million reduction in the Department's budget.

In response to Commissioner Eickman's question, Mr. Arnold explained that the Stadium Operator Admission Tax must be approved by the Board of Supervisors and that this Commission and the Board of Supervisors must approve the eighth amendment to the 49ers lease.

On motion of Commissioner Immendorf, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16627

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the eighth amendment to the 49ers lease which will assign a portion of City's food and beverage concession rights to the San Francisco 49ers in return for a $1.00 increase in Stadium Operator Admission Tax.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Note: No public comment was received.

4. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the Special Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shauna Marie Rose
Commission Secretary

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RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION

MINUTES

682ND REGULAR MEETING

THURSDAY, MAY 20, 1993 - 2:00 P.M.

The Six Hundred and Eighty-Second Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Thursday, May 20, 1993, at 2:00 p.m. by President Trent W. Orr.

1. ROLL CALL

Present:
Commissioner Trent W. Orr, President
Commissioner Jack Immendorf, Vice President
Commissioner Sidney Chan
Commissioner Keith Eickman
Commissioner Bella Farrow
Commissioner Sue Sommer
Absent:
Commissioner Santiago Ruiz

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Commissioner Eickman, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 15, 1993, were approved as presented.

On motion of Commissioner Sommer, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the minutes of the Special Joint Meeting of April 15, 1993 with City Planning Commission, were approved as presented.

On motion of Commissioner Chan, seconded by Commissioner Sommer, the minutes of the Special Meeting of April 19, 1993 were approved as presented.

3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

General Manager, Mary E. Burns, submitted the following report:

"BUDGET UPDATE

The Mayor's budget office has developed new targets for the Recreation and Park Department for the 1993-94 budget. The latest targets include reductions of approximately $6.6 million from the budget recommended by the Commission. A total of 34 authorized positions would be eliminated under the Mayor's current proposal. In addition, fee increases are being recommended for the pools, athletic fields, the Sharon Arts Studio, wedding locations and athletic events held on park property. Most of the new and replacement equipment items have also been eliminated from the proposed budget. The Mayor's budget staff is still reviewing non-salary accounts for additional reductions.

Our staff are now reviewing this latest proposal to determine the service impacts which would result. We are also continuing our discussions with the Mayor's staff on their proposed reductions. Based on these discussions, we anticipate that several fee increase proposals will be submitted to the Commission in June.

BAY TO BREAKERS

This year we tried an experiment with paid parking in the west end of Golden Gate Park for Bay to Breakers. The objectives of the experiment were to reduce the environmental damage resulting from unrestricted parking in past years and to increase departmental revenues. Reports following the event indicate that environmental damage was substantially reduced due both to restrictions on the number of cars allowed to enter the Park and to controls on where people were allowed to park. The financial report will be received from the concessionaire at the end of the week. Based on our experience from Bay to Breakers, we will be proposing paid parking in the west end of Golden Gate Park for other major events.

WORKERS' COMPENSATION

The Mayor has requested department heads to report on their workers' compensation program at his regular Monday morning meetings. Each department head is scheduled for a Monday presentation, and I will be discussing our report on June 1, 1993. At your place is my report and accompanying materials prepared by Betty Lim, Safety and Claims Coordinator. This report not only indicates a decrease in both claims and lost work days during the first nine months of the current fiscal year, but describes both old and new program elements that contributed to these decreases.

3. **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT** (Continued)

BEACH CHALET

We have been informed by the regional Metropolitan Transportation Commission that our application for a grant for the restoration of the Beach Chalet is among the 17 projects being recommended for funding in the first cycle of grants by the Transportation Enhancement Activities program. The $724,000 grant would be used to complete an accessible ramp, elevator, heating system and other major renovation work. The intent is to develop the first floor as a Park Visitors' Center, with the second floor housing a food concession and environmental retail area. The Arts Commission has also offered to relocate some Bufano sculptures into a landscaped garden nearby if funding is found for development.

'DO YOUR PARK WITH YUBAN'

As part of a nationwide program, on May 22, 1993, Yuban Coffee is sponsoring a volunteer workday in McLaren Park. Two hundred volunteers are expected to paint out graffiti, plant trees and pick up trash. The sponsor is providing breakfast and lunch to all volunteers. Commissioner Sue Sommer will receive a plaque on behalf of the Department, and Supervisor Sue Bierman will receive one for the City. Valerie Harper, star of the TV series "Rhoda," will be the celebrity spokesperson. Commissioners are all invited to the tree dedication ceremony at 10:30 a.m. The dedication ceremony will take place at the group picnic area on John Shelley Drive.

CAMP MATHER

Superintendent of Parks Ron de Leon has selected Al Behmer as Camp Manager for the 1993 season. Recreation staff selected are Kathy Harold, John Murphy and Paul Davies. We look forward to a successful and enjoyable camp season with Al and his qualified staff overseeing Camp Mather this year.

Current registration shows camp registration at about 95%. The first two weeks and the last week have large numbers of tent sites available. We have begun to take partial week reservations for any remaining slots.

EVENT '93

This annual event, co-sponsored by the Recreation and Park Department and the Arts Education Foundation, will take place at Stern Grove on May 22, 1993, at 1:00 p.m. This year's event is titled, "The House That Crack Built," a dramatic anti-drug play that will be performed by youngsters from throughout the City. Staff expects 3,000 to 5,000 youth and families to attend. This should prove to be one of the most interesting events ever, and I encourage you to attend if at all possible.

3. **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)**

SPRING FESTIVAL

The Recreation and Park Department's annual Spring Festival will be held at Stern Grove on June 13, 1993, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The festival is the yearly event where staff provide program information to the public while presenting various performances by the youth from our recreation programs. This event has occurred for over 20 years and allows parents and children the opportunity to meet staff and ask questions relating to neighborhood recreation programs as well as all summer activities.

ZOOFEST

Zoofest was a smashing success. The dinner and dance party was enjoyed by 518 guests and netted over $120,000 for the Zoo.

HIPPO AND EMPEROR TAMARIN BIRTHS

Whoops! Our hippo had her 16th baby on May 6, 1993, despite the Zoo's best birth control efforts. The baby is doing fine and is already out in the exhibit. Twin emperor tamarins were born to one of the tamarin groups.

NATIONAL FELINE PROPAGATION PROJECT

The San Francisco Zoo is working with the National Zoo in Washington, D.C., in collecting semen and ova from four snow leopards and one sumatran tiger as part of an international project to assist in the reproduction of rare and endangered feline species. At your places is a press release with additional information regarding this project.

STRYBING ARBORETUM SOCIETY

The Strybing Arboretum Society's annual plant sale was a great success. Gross revenues were $50,148.

SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS

The following claims, under $5,000, were settled by the City Attorney's Office during the month of April 1993:

Subijana, Praxedes.....$70.00 Cooper, Steven.....$652.13

DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday, May 20, 1993	Golden Gate Park Master Plan Task Force; 7:00 p.m.; County Fair Building.
Saturday, May 22, 1993	'Do Your Park with Yuban'; 10:30 a.m.; McLaren Park (group picnic area on John Shelley Drive)
Saturday, May 22, 1993	Event '93; 1:00 p.m.; Stern Grove
Monday, May 31, 1993	Memorial Day Holiday
Tuesday, June 1, 1993	Parks and Planning Committee Meeting; 4:00 p.m.; McLaren Lodge

3. **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT** (Continued)

DATES TO REMEMBER (Continued)

Wednesday, June 2, 1993	Joint Zoo Committee Meeting; 4:30 p.m. tour, 5:00 p.m. meeting; Education Classroom, S.F. Zoo
Thursday, June 3, 1993	Finance and Administration Committee Meeting; 4:00 p.m.; McLaren Lodge
Monday, June 7, 1993	Golden Gate Park Committee Meeting; 4:00 p.m.; McLaren Lodge
Thursday, June 10, 1993	Joint City Planning Commission and Recreation and Park Commission meeting; 1:30 p.m.; Room 282, City Hall
Sunday, June 13, 1993	Spring Festival; 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Stern Grove
Monday, June 14, 1993	Golden Gate Park Master Plan community meeting; 7:00 p.m.; County Fair Building"

4. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

All matters listed hereunder constitute a Consent Calendar, are considered to be routine by the Recreation and Park Commission and will be acted upon by a single roll call vote of the Commission. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member so requests, in which event the matter shall be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered as a separate item.

On motion of Commissioner Eickman, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, ratification of the following resolutions, which are processed under Resolution No. 13572:

a. **PERSONNEL MATTERS** — **RES. NO. 16628**

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies the actions taken by the General Manager regarding personnel matters during the period April 2, 1993 through May 4, 1993.

b. **BALBOA POOL** — **RES. NO. 16629**
AGREEMENT WITH CITY COLLEGE OF SAN FRANCISCO

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies an agreement with City College of San Francisco and the Recreation and Park Department for use of Balboa Pool for a six month period.

c. **TENDERLOIN RECREATION CENTER** — **RES. NO. 16630**
OVERNIGHT TRIP

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the request from the Tenderloin Recreation Center for an overnight trip to Disneyland in Anaheim, California on May 22, 1993.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR (Continued)

Note for the Record: Item 4d was removed from the Consent Calendar and considered separately.

e. GOLDEN GATE PARK/GREAT HIGHWAY — RES. NO. 16632
SAN FRANCISCO MARATHON
ROAD CLOSURES

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the road closures in Golden Gate Park and the Great Highway for the San Francisco Marathon on Sunday, July 18, 1993, from 6:00 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.

f. GOLDEN GATE PARK — RES. NO. 16633
TWO DAY EVENT
SAN FRANCISCO SAFARI

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the two-day events on Saturday and Sunday, July 3 and 4, 1993, and Saturday and Sunday, July 10 and 11, 1993, at Golden Gate Park.

g. GOLDEN GATE PARK/MISSION DOLORES PARK — RES. NO. 16634
MULTIPLE DAY EVENT

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the request by the San Francisco Mime Troupe for multiple day events on Saturday and Sunday, July 3 and 4, 1993, at Mission Dolores Park; and Saturday and Sunday, September 4 and 5, 1993, at Sunken Meadow, Golden Gate Park.

h. MULTIPLE DAY EVENT — RES. NO. 16635
JAPANTOWN PEACE PLAZA

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the request by Nihonmachi Street Fair for a two-day event on Saturday and Sunday, August 7 and 8, 1993, at the Japantown Peace Plaza.

i. RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT — RES. NO. 16636
HAZARDOUS COMMUNICATION PROGRAM

RESOLVED, That this Commission adopts the written Hazardous Communication Program for the Recreation and Park Department.

j. VARIOUS NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS AND SQUARES — RES. NO. 16637
PARK CLOSURES FROM 11:00 P.M. TO 6:00 A.M.

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the closure of the following neighborhood park facilities to the public from 11:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.:

Crocker-Amazon Playground
Jackson Playground
Lang Field
Moscone Recreation Center
West Sunset Playground
Youngblood-Coleman Park

4. CONSENT CALENDAR (Continued)

k. VARIOUS NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS AND SQUARES — RES. NO. 16638
PARK CLOSURES FROM 10:00 P.M. TO 6:00 A.M.

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the closure of the following neighborhood park facilities to the public from 10:00 pm to 6:00 am:

Alice Chalmers Playground	Lessing & Sears Mini Park
Allyne Park	Little Hollywood Park
Bernal Playground	Louis Sutter Playground
Brooks Park	McKinley Square
Campbell & Rutland Mini Park	Mountain Lake Park
Cayuga Mini-Park	Noe Beaver Mini Park
Cayuga Playground	North Beach Playground*
Chinese Playground	Portola Recreation Center*
Chinese Recreation Center*	Portsmouth Square
Duboce Park	Potrero Hill Recreation Center*
Eureka Valley Rec. Center*	Potrero del Sol Park
Franklin Square	Randolph & Bright Mini Park
Gilman Playground	Rossi Park
Herz Playground	St. Mary's Rec. Center*
Hilltop Park	St. Mary's Square
Holly Park	Seward Street Mini Park
Juri Commons	Silver Terrace Playground
Kelloch & Velasco Playground	South Sunset Playground
Koshland Park	Sunset Recreation Center*
Lakeview-Ashton Mini Park	Utah and 18th St. Mini Park

*Does not apply to Recreation buildings at these parks.

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Note for the Record: Item 4d was removed from the Consent Calendar and considered separately.

General Manager, Mary E. Burns, explained that the event sponsor requested road closures which was recommended for approval by the Golden Gate Park Committee. Since the Committee meeting, the event sponsor has requested a change in the route which is not acceptable to the Department. Ms. Burns suggested that the Commission approve the first route with the understanding that the event sponsor may appeal the new route to the Commission next month. The new request would reroute the bicycle course through the Music Concourse area in Golden Gate Park, interrupt the only cross-park Muni bus service and use the Stow Lake section of the park. Because of the number of bicyclists, staff would not recommend the new route to the Commission.

On motion of Commissioner Chan, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

d. GOLDEN GATE PARK/GREAT HIGHWAY — RES. NO. 16631
SAN FRANCISCO BICYCLE EVENT
ROAD CLOSURES

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the road closures in Golden Gate Park and the Great Highway for Le Tour de sanFRANCEcisco Bicycle Event on Sunday, July 11, 1993, from 7:00 a.m. until 10:30 a.m.

GENERAL CALENDAR

5. **SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS**
ANIMAL TRANSACTIONS

Zoo Director, David Anderson, explained the bisons are surplus to the Zoo's needs and were donated to an institution which is trying to start a breeding program. Mr. Lowry has signed an agreement stating that they have no intention of using the animals for sport hunting. The Pea Fowl were donated to Mr. Wickett who has held the Zoo's Golden Eagles at his 450 acre ranch. He has signed an agreement that he will not use the animals for breeding purposes.

On motion of Commissioner Farrow, seconded by Commissioner Sommer, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16639

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies the following animal transactions (processed under Resolution No. 13572) for the San Francisco Zoological Gardens:

DONATED TO: Ken Lowry, Dam Ranch
8907 Pool Station Road
Angels Camp, CA 95222
Two (2) Male Bison

DONATED TO: Jim Wickett
325 Kipling Street
Palo Alto, CA 94301
Ten (10) Pea Fowl

6. **PERMIT AND RESERVATIONS POLICY**
SIX MONTH REVIEW

Review of the Permit and Reservations Policy for use of facilities under the jurisdiction of the Recreation and Park Department as required by Park Code Section 7.05, Resolution 16448.

Superintendent of Recreation, Joel Robinson, explained that this item is the semi-annual review of the Permit and Reservation Policy. He outlined the proposed modifications:

Film Permit Policy - Staff recommended that the Mayor's Film Coordinator be given the responsibility to issue permits for filming on Recreation and Park property. Currently, it is difficult to impose a 15-day notice for issuance of film permits. Film companies also use park properties for consecutive days which requires Commission approval and is often impractical. Staff therefore suggested that the Mayor's Film Office be authorized to issue the permits and that the following language be added to the policy: "Application for permission to engage in commercial photography, filming or recording shall be made to the Mayor's Film Office pursuant to Sec. 57 of the San Francisco Administrative Code. Recreation and Park Department staff shall monitor all film permits to ensure that this activity does not cause damage or unduly interfere with Department programs, services or operations." The Film Office must contact the Department for use of the park property and staff feels it will be able to protect the usage of the park.

6. **PERMIT AND RESERVATIONS POLICY**
SIX MONTH REVIEW (Continued)

Large Events on Property Staff has encountered parking and traffic problems with large events on park property. Staff is proposing that language be added to the policy that states "On any request for an event which will draw over 1,000 persons, staff shall require the applicant to pay an additional fee for the cost of providing parking control for the event." Staff will ask the Parking and Traffic Department to provide monitors and traffic control officers to patrol the event, issue parking citations, direct people to not park on the grass areas, etc., and to have the event sponsor pay for these services.

Bad Checks In the past staff has encountered problems with bad checks or checks being returned by the bank unpaid. Therefore, it is proposed that the following language be added: "Under California Government Code Section 6157, amended in 1992, a public agency may recover the cost of processing and collection of a returned check. In addition, please take note that any person who willfully delivers any check with knowledge that he or she has insufficient funds to cover the amount of the check may, under certain circumstances, be subject to penalties under California Penal Code Section 476a."

Mr. Robinson then explained that the staff report included a review of the major events held in the last 6 months and details whether or not the performance bonds were returned, if the event was successful, etc. He further explained that staff will present an amendment prior to the next scheduled review of the Permit and Reservation Policy because an organized group wants to hold regularly scheduled musical events in Marx Meadow, Golden Gate Park. There have been problems with the groups' use of this area in the past.

President Orr questioned the protection of the Department's parks if the Film Office was given authority to issue permits. Mr. Robinson explained that the Film Office must contact the Department in order to use park property. However, he did note that the Film Office is very cooperative with the film companies. Staff will review each permit on a case-by-case policy.

President Orr asked if language should be included that stated that in the event damage occurs the permittee will be fully liable for the damage. Mr. Robinson said that language addressing this issue is included in the Film Office permit.

General Manager, Mary E. Burns, explained that often a film company will prefer to damage an area and then pay for it. There have been instances of permanent damage to areas in the City's parks. Staff takes extra precaution that if a film company wants to do something for a special effect that they find a way to do it without causing damage to the park.

In response to Commissioner Sommer's question, Mr. Robinson said that the Department will have the final say on use of Recreation and Park property.

Commissioner Chan wondered if the use of cashier's check was feasible. Mr. Robinson explained that the use of cashier's checks are required for performance bonds. In some instances, there is insufficient time to require an individual or group to furnish a cashier's check.

6. **PERMIT AND RESERVATIONS POLICY**
SIX MONTH REVIEW (Continued)

In response to Commissioner Sommer's question about the vandalism to Union Square on 12/31, Mr. Robinson explained that a wrist band system was used by the hotels surrounding Union Square for New Year's Eve. Hotel guests were required to wear wristbands. As a consequence, when people were unable to enter the hotels surrounding Union Square without a wristband, they stormed Union Square causing extensive damage to the park. Staff has spoken to the Union Square Association about having an official New Year's Eve event somewhere in the City so that the youth have an activity for this evening. He felt that a lack of organized activity creates this problem.

Greg Gaar, spoke in opposition to the increase in attendance permitted at Sharon Meadow. On 10/15/92 the Commission approved the increase of the allowable attendance for large events at Sharon Meadow from 10,600 to 21,200. He stated that the Haight Ashbury Neighborhood Council (HANC) is concerned about the size of the events and the practice of fencing off and charging admission to this meadow. He recommended that the Commission reduce the Sharon Meadow attendance and that no more than 2 events per year be permitted at Sharon Meadow. He was also opposed to fencing the meadow and charging admission to that area.

Ms. Burns, explained that the Commission revised the attendance numbers in October 1992 to conform to the actual square footage of the park properties. Now, the attendance numbers more accurately reflect the actual square footage of the parks. She further explained that, generally speaking, the large, single day events do not create a problem at Sharon Meadow. However, the multiple day events that have been held in the past (Country in the Park, A La Carte/A La Park) over a very short period of time during the warm weather did create turf damage. The fencing issue was a policy matter considered by the Commission several years ago. There are a number of event sponsors who request to fence various areas of the parks. The Department tries to avoid fencing an entire park for multiple days as it disadvantages the normal users of the park.

President Orr said it is unfortunate that there is a charge for using portions of the park but he did not think it would be responsible for the Commission to cease that practice given the fiscal crisis facing the Department. He was concerned about the problems in Sharon Meadow and asked if the events could be rotated so that one area is not used again and again.

Mr. Robinson explained that a formal rotation policy has not been developed, although staff is sensitive to the concerns raised by Mr. Gaar. In the last Permit Policy review, the amplified sound policy was modified for the Sharon Meadow area.

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Farrow, seconded by Commissioner Chan, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16640

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the amendments to the Permit and Reservations Policy for use of facilities under the jurisdiction of the Recreation and Park Department as required by Park Code Section 7.05.

7. **GOLDEN GATE PARK TENNIS COURT BID PACKAGE**

Approval of a bid package for the operation of the Golden Gate Park Tennis Courts.

Assistant General Manager for Administration, Phil Arnold, explained that the Commission recently approved a bid package for the Department's neighborhood tennis courts. This item is a request for a bid package for the operation of the Golden Gate Park tennis court complex. Mr. Arnold outlined the bid specifications:

°An operator shall assume the daily operation and custodial services of the entire tennis complex (the Department will be responsible for the capital improvements).
°Minimum acceptable bid is at least $25,000 a year for concession and pro shop activities.
°Minimum of $40,000 a year or 60% of the collection, whichever is greater of court fees.
°Depending on the term of the agreement, the concessionaire is expected to fund some capital improvements, the cost of those improvements vary according to the term of the lease. Staff anticipates that improvements such as teaching enhancements, locker room upgrade, etc. will be made by the concessionaire.
°The number of tennis courts available to the pubic is specified in the bid package.
°The bid package clearly states to not propose lighting or expansion of the clubhouse.

Commissioner Sommer asked if it was feasible for the Department to fund some of the needed improvements. Mr. Arnold said the critical improvements needed at the tennis courts is the upgrade of the electrical service and repair of the clubhouse roof.

On recommendation of the Finance and Administration Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Eickman, seconded by Commissioner Chan, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16641

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves a bid package for the operation of the Golden Gate Park Tennis Courts.

8. **SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS AUXILIARY SCOREBOARD**

Consideration of reimbursement amount to the San Francisco Giants for the new auxiliary scoreboard at Candlestick Park.

Assistant General Manager for Administration, Phil Arnold, explained that the Commission agreed last month to reimburse the Giants for their costs of furnishing and installing the new auxiliary scoreboard. However, the Commission directed staff to review a reasonable dollar amount for reimbursement. Mr. Arnold discussed the dollar amount with the Giants and they have submitted $345,000 worth of documented costs. The Finance and Administration Committee recommended up to $345,000 of documented costs and he supported that recommendation.

8. **SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS**
AUXILIARY SCOREBOARD (Continued)

Mr. Arnold further explained that if one of the existing advertisers relocates to the new auxiliary advertising panels the Department is still protected.

On recommendation of the Finance and Administration Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Chan, seconded by Commissioner Immendorf, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16642

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the reimbursement amount of up to $345,000 of documented costs to the San Francisco Giants for the new auxiliary scoreboard at Candlestick Park.

9. **OPEN SPACE PROGRAM**
PARCEL 4

Approval of acquisition of Parcel 4, by eminent domain if necessary, for eventual open space use. The funds for the purchase of the property will be paid, in part, from the the City's Open Space Fund.

Assistant General Manager for Administration, Phil Arnold, explained that Parcel 4, the old Playland site and the last remaining vacant parcel at Ocean Beach, which was originally scheduled for housing, is available for acquisition as the owner is bankrupt. The City's Clean Water Program needs the northerly portion of this parcel for a permanent sewer easement and plans to use it as a construction site for a three year period. Once the construction activity is completed, the area bounded by Balboa Street, the Great Highway and Sutro Heights could become public open space. The Commission is being asked to approve the eminent domain proceedings because Real Estate has made an offer to the Bankruptcy Trustee and final agreement on purchase has not been reached.

On recommendation of the Finance and Administration Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Farrow, seconded by Commissioner Immendorf, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16643

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the acquisition of Parcel 4, by eminent domain if necessary, for eventual open space use. The funds for the purchase of the property will be paid, in part, from the the City's Open Space Fund.

9a. **SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS**
LEASE AMENDMENT

Technical amendment to the assignment of a portion of City's food and beverage concession rights to the San Francisco 49ers in return for an increase in Stadium Operator Admission Tax.

9a. **SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS**
LEASE AMENDMENT (Continued)

Assistant General Manager for Administration, Phil Arnold, explained that the Commission approved the eighth amendment to the 49er lease last month. The amendment was forwarded to the Board of Supervisors for approval. The Budget Committee of the Board of Supervisors requested that the Commission consider reopening the lease in the year 2001 if the City wanted to renegotiate at that time. The Board cannot amend the Commission's agreement and, therefore, the technical amendment is again presented to the Commission. Under the proposed amendment, the Commission will not be required to re-open the lease but will have the option in 2001. The City Attorney also modified the effective date of the agreement to 6/93 instead of 4/93 and modified the signature block to accurately reflect the proper signatory.

On motion of Commissioner Farrow, seconded by Commissioner Eickman, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16644

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the technical amendments to the assignment of a portion of City's food and beverage concession rights to the San Francisco 49ers in return for an increase in Stadium Operator Admission Tax.

Note for the Record: This amendment is known as the Eighth Amendment to the 49ers lease.

10. **SETTLEMENT OF CLAIM**

Consideration of proposed settlement of claim of Sandra Miccio v. City and County of San Francisco, et al. in the amount of $2,030.80.

On recommendation of the Finance and Administration Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Eickman, seconded by Commissioner Immendorf, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16645

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the proposed settlement of claim of Sandra Miccio v. City and County of San Francisco, et al. in the amount of $2,030.80.

11. **SETTLEMENT OF CLAIM**

Consideration of proposed settlement of claim of Janet and Tom Grenslitt v. City and County of San Francisco, et al. in the amount of $25,000.00.

On recommendation of the Finance and Administration Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Eickman, seconded by Commissioner Chan, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16646

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the settlement of claim of Janet and Tom Grenslitt v. City and County of San Francisco, et al. in the amount of $25,000.00.

12. **ACCEPTANCE OF GIFT**

On motion of Commissioner Immendorf, seconded by Commissioner Sommer, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16647

RESOLVED, That this Commission accepts the the following gifts valued at $11,000.00, for the Recreation and Park Department:

a. From St. Anthony Foundation, through Friends of Recreation and Parks, $1,500.00, for Boeddeker Park Summer Concerts.

b. From Greene, Radovsky, Maloney & Share, through Friends of Recreation and Parks, $5,000.00, for Recreation and Park Athletic Fund.

c. From Chevron Companies, through Friends of Recreation and Parks, $3,500.00, for Junior Tennis Fund.

d. From Poly Athletic Association and Poly Grid Club, through Friends of Recreation and Parks, $1,000.00, for Kezar Equipment Fund.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That appropriate letters of thanks shall be sent to the donors.

3:00 P.M. Commissioner Immendorf left the meeting.

13. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

At this time members of the public may address the Commission on items that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Recreation and Park Commission. Members of the public may address the Commission for up to three minutes. The President or the Commission may limit the total testimony to 30 minutes.

Michael Nicolet, spoke to the Commission regarding to the use of Sharon Meadow. He stated that he has been denied personal use of this area in the park for many years and felt it was unacceptable to have the area fenced from the public. He suggested that multiple day events held at Sharon Meadow should be reduced to one day use only. He said that amplified sound can be heard blocks away and that people consistently complain about the location of the sound speakers. He said the grounds are in marginal condition after these multiple day events.

Marilyn White, said that last summer there were several weekends where she could not hear herself think or study from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. because of the use of amplified sound in Sharon Meadow. She wanted to have fewer events held in this location of the park. She stated that these events impact the area and suggested that the speakers should be placed in a direction so as to not disrupt the community.

Superintendent of Recreation, Joel Robinson, explained that staff asks the event promoters to face the speakers North, toward the Conservatory, way from the residential area. He also explained that staff has restricted the duration of amplified sound for this section of the park.

13. PUBLIC COMMENT (Continued)

Barbara Hobie, representing Magic Skates, submitted materials to the Commission and said that some derogatory letters were written about her. She favored music in Golden Gate Park but did not think that the music should be operated by the Skate Patrol, the Outdoor Rollerskating Association, or any other private organization or business. She believed that the only reason David Miles uses Golden Gate Park is to promote his own private interests. She explained that she contacted Mr. Robinson and sought his help to stop from Mr. Miles from passing out derogatory literature about local skate shops while wearing Golden Gate Park T-Shirts.

Mr. Robinson clarified the point that he informed Ms. Hobie that if she had a legal issue against Mr. Miles it should be taken up through the court system.

Doug Berg, was present on behalf of Ms. Hobie and said she had addressed the issue.

Lee Cole, said he has done a lot of business with David Miles over the years. He said that Mr. Miles is peddling his own business within Golden Gate Park. He asked why Mr. Miles can use the park for his own private needs and that perhaps the park should allow equal access for all businesses. He urged the Commission to consider this issue.

Carol Sloan, said she was present because she has been named in the letter which requested people to attend the Commission meeting and speak in support of David Miles and his activities in the park. She said that several statements were made in a letter distributed by Mr. Miles which were untrue. She felt that many rollerskaters were not aware that permits are required for use of park property. She said that Mr. Miles prevents rollerskating activities from taking place in Golden Gate Park and that rollerskating events are not held in the park unless they are part of David Miles.

Geraldine Shohet, suggested that the Commission consider the use of valet parking in the Golden Gate Park tour bus parking lot area when John F. Kennedy Drive is closed to vehicular traffic. She explained that she is involved in a wedding reception on Memorial Day and wanted to use this parking lot. She said her proposal would eliminate hundreds of cars circling this area of the park trying to park. She felt that the Commission should consider making this space available because it would produce revenue to the Department.

General Manager, Mary E. Burns, explained that the Commission may soon consider paid parking in the Music Concourse area in response to concerns expressed by the museums in Golden Gate Park.

Peter Lincoln Draper, said he was present to defend Mr. David Miles. He explained that he has worked with Mr. Miles in the past and has read about him in City Sports. He said that Mr. Miles works through Skate Pro and that he never viewed anything that promoted a business of David Miles.

14. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Orr urged his fellow commissioners to keep a watchful eye and ear with regard to the Department's budget cuts. He suggested that the Commission contact members of the Board of Supervisors and urge them to keep the Department whole.

15. COMMISSION COMMITTEE REPORTS

The following Commission Committee reports were submitted for the record:

Joint Zoo Committee Meeting of April 7, 1993
Recreation Program and Mather Committee Meeting of April 28, 1993
Golden Gate Park Committee Meeting of May 3, 1993
Parks and Planning Committee Meeting of May 4, 1993
Finance and Administration Committee Meeting of May 6, 1993

16. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Commissioner Chan, the meeting was adjourned in memory of Harry Hart, father of Tom Hart of the Purchasing Division, Recreation and Park Department.

There being no further business, the 682nd Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shauna Marie Rose
Commission Secretary

San Francisco, California
June 10, 1993

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RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION
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MINUTES

SPECIAL JOINT MEETING

THURSDAY, JUNE 10, 1993

The Special Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission and City Planning Commission was called to order on Thursday, June 10, 1993, at 1:45 p.m. by City Planning Commission President Sidney Unobskey and Recreation and Park Commission President Trent W. Orr.

1. ROLL CALL

°Recreation and Park Commission

Present:

Trent W. Orr, President
Jack Immendorf, Vice President
Sidney Chan
Keith Eickman
Bella Farrow
Santiago Ruiz
Sue Sommer

°City Planning Commission

Present:

Sidney Unobskey, President
Frank S. Fung, Vice President
M. Toby Levine
Susan E. Lowenberg
David Prowler (alternate for the Chief Administrative Officer)
Romaine Boldridge (alternate for the General Manager, Public Utilities Commission)

Absent:

Larry Martin

City Planning Commission Secretary, Linda Avery, explained that the first issue to be considered was a matter strictly before the City Planning Commission. She read the item: Amendment to the Recreation and Open Space Element of the Master Plan, adding Brooks Park - adjacent property to the category "Proposed Public Open Space, Acquire for or Convert to Public Open Space" in Map 4.

Steve Shotland, representing City Planning, explained that the Brooks Park site was included in the proposed Master Plan and presented to the Planning Commission on 4/15/93. At that time, it was not clear whether the School District was interested in disposing of this property. Therefore the Planning Commission removed the site from the proposed Master Plan amendment. However, in light of the required second hearing and in order to leave the option open regarding the School District site adjacent to Brooks Park, this item was calendared contingent on determining the School District's position.

Mr. Shotland explained that the Planning Department received a copy of a letter dated 5/19/93 addressed to Mayor Jordan from Superintendent Rojas of the SFUSD which states in part, "...The District is in the process of considering a comprehensive strategy for dealing with surplus properties, and therefore it is not desirable to single out one of the properties for sale or long term lease at this time." In light of Superintendent Rojas statement and affirming the City Planning Commission's action on 4/15/93, staff felt the proposed Master Plan amendment to add the Brooks Park should not be considered at this time.

A representative from the School District explained that the School District is in the process of reviewing its properties and is not able to discuss a sale at this time.

2. **OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION AND PARK RENOVATION FUND**
1993-1994 RECOMMENDATIONS

Reconsideration of the 1993-94 Open Space Acquisition and Park Renovation Fund budget.

Steve Shotland, representing City Planning, explained that the Commissions were considering this item a second time. On April 15, 1993 the City Planning Commission adopted the entire Open Space Program budget; however, the Recreation and Park Commission did not approve the allocation of $300,000 for the development of a soccer field at Dolores Park. Subsequent to the hearing, the City Attorney determined that the budget adopted by the two commissions must be the same. Therefore, there was a need for this second hearing.

Recreation and Park's Assistant General Manager for Administration, Phil Arnold, explained that the issues before the Commissions are the soccer field at Dolores Park and the shift of $40,000 to the Administrative budget to fund an update of the City's Master Plan. The major question before the Commissions is whether to fund a soccer field at Dolores Park. Staff proposed that funding be provided for the development of a soccer field at Dolores Park. However, if money is allocated for the development of a soccer field, the actual size and location would be determined over the course of the next year through the public meeting process, with final approval from the Recreation and Park Commission.

2. **OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION AND PARK RENOVATION FUND 1993-1994 RECOMMENDATIONS (Continued)**

Three soccer field options have been presented. The first option was for a 330' soccer field that would have taken up most of the northern third of Dolores Park, required substantial grading and retaining walls, and would have interfered with the current use of the park. The second alternative presented at the Open Space hearing was a 270' field. There are differing opinions as to whether this field could be accommodated with or without major grading, retaining walls, etc. The third alternative is 210' field soccer field which could easily be accommodated within the existing topography of Dolores Park and would not require retaining walls or major grading. He said the planning process will determine the location and size of the soccer field. Staff recommended that any soccer field at Dolores Park not preclude other uses such as passive recreation, shows, gatherings and demonstrations.

Mr. Arnold further explained that there were hundreds of signatures on petitions submitted favoring and opposing the Dolores Park soccer field. He said the Open Space Committee tried to reach a compromise solution.

Public Testimony

Miguel Santuario, a senior at Mission High School, spoke in favor of a soccer field at Dolores Park. He explained that he was formerly a gang member but became involved in soccer and now plans to pursue a college education. He said the City's youth need activities such as soccer.

Luis Cruz, Vice President of Mission High Student Body, spoke in favor of the Dolores Park soccer field. He said the student body represents 35 different countries and strongly supports a soccer field at Dolores Park. He said there are no soccer fields in the Mission District and the sport is very popular.

Lupe Arabolos, Assistant Principal at Mission High School, spoke in favor of the soccer field and said that Mission High is not the only facility that needs a soccer field, there are thousands of youth in the Mission who need this site. She explained that the Board of Education sent a Resolution of support for the soccer field in Dolores Park and added that children of the Mission District have waited too long for this priority. She urged the Commissions to support the 14,000 children of the Mission.

Fernando Alvarez, spoke in favor of a Dolores Park soccer field. He urged that the piece of land in Dolores Park be dedicated for soccer and asked the Commissions to approve the funding.

Anne Hoecker, said the City's parks are for all the children. She said there are parks on the other side of the City which are sacrosanct that cannot be touched in any way.

2. **OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION AND PARK RENOVATION FUND 1993-1994 RECOMMENDATIONS (Continued)**

Public Testimony (Continued)

Irene Andrews, spoke in opposition to the Dolores Park soccer field and said that she has witnessed the park go through changes, both good and bad. She said families and children use the park and that, currently, the restrooms are closed in the afternoon. She wondered if the restrooms would be opened to accommodate the soccer players.

Kevin Solan, spoke about many problems in placing a soccer field at Dolores Park. He strongly stressed that the children of the Mission need soccer fields and that he was not opposed them but saw no reason to place one in 100 year old Dolores Park. He said a soccer field will conflict with the other uses of the park and that there will be increased noise from cheering spectators. He suggested that other locations such as Everett Middle School and Franklin Square be considered for soccer fields.

Deborah Saks, representing the Liberty Hill Association, spoke in opposition to the soccer field. She said that she lives near Dolores Park and that the area is very congested. She was concerned about increased traffic from the soccer activity and was concerned about maintaining the park with another athletic use although she believed that students and children need a place to play.

German Chavez, spoke in support of the Dolores Park soccer field. He explained that he came to America 23 years ago. He was present to demand that the City try to solve the inner-city problems and said one of the solutions would be to provide this soccer field. He further explained that soccer is played around the world and that it keeps children involved in a sport activity.

Jaime Arabia, spoke in support of the Dolores Park soccer field and disagreed with the excuses presented by those who were opposed. He said that there has to be a balance and that people have to be culturally sensitive to Latino youth. He said that children need a place to play and asked the Commissions to consider the needs of his people.

Douglas Hague, spoke in opposition to the Dolores Park soccer field, explaining that Dolores Park is a multi-cultural, beautiful green space area that is not tempered by regulated sports. He explained that while a soccer field is commendable, placing one in Dolores Park is wrong when there is a legitimate and viable site at Franklin Square. He said Franklin Square has room for a regulation soccer field, along with amenities such as dressing rooms, and bleachers. The monies set aside for the Dolores Park soccer field could be used at Franklin Square. He urged the City to preserve this historic park.

Don Hastler, spoke in opposition to the Dolores Park soccer field and said that he had not seen a report that addresses the long term program for upkeep and maintenance of the field. He said the Department has only 2 caretakers for this park and that the neighbors now maintain some areas of the park.

2. OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION AND PARK RENOVATION FUND
1993-1994 RECOMMENDATIONS (Continued)

Public Testimony (Continued)

Laura Stillman, a member of Liberty Hill Association, lives one block from Dolores Park, and favored children having a place to play soccer but was opposed the creation of a substandard field. She felt that the money should be allocated to improving existing fields and acquiring better fields. She was concerned about the safety issue of the field and the element it might attract.

Paul Deutsch, representing himself and 6 other partners who own and live in a 6 unit building on Church Street, explained that a small practice field will not meet the needs of soccer players and that the Mayor's April 13, 1993 letter urged the Commissions to approve the soccer field based on what the Mayor believed to be overwhelming community support. Mr. Deutsch said that this position has changed and he hoped the Commissions would listen to the people who are upset by this proposal. He felt that the $300,000 should be spent for Franklin Square and that it would be cost effective to maintain one field.

David Spero, has lived in the Mission for 11 years, resides in cramped quarters and said he needed open space. He explained that 5 neighborhood associations are opposed to the Dolores Park soccer field and that it was patronizing to assume that the Mission residents do not need open space. He said currently the park accommodates soccer, softball, toddlers and they will be displaced if the soccer field is approved. He said the field will be an intensive change in use and that many alternatives are available. He commented that this proposal will rob people of a beautiful, civic landmark, that is used by all San Franciscans.

Eileen Gold, representing the Dolores Park Coalition, which is composed of several neighborhood associations, spoke in support of the Dolores Park soccer field and said that the Mission District is growing and is a crowded area. She urged the Commissions to vote for the soccer field to show that they care about the City's children who need education and recreation.

Hilda Bernstein, explained that on a membership meeting held on May 22, 1993, the Liberty Hill Neighborhood Association, voted overwhelmingly to oppose the placement of a soccer field at Dolores Park. The Association was concerned about this intrusion on the park and that other groups which have a long tradition of using the park would be displaced. There was not a single vote to place the field in the park. Personally, she favored a non regulation soccer field, with no fencing, minimal grading, no permanent goal posts and no larger than 210'. She felt the soccer players will have to agree to give the field to those who have traditionally used it for special purposes and that such a stipulation should be part of the Commissions' resolution.

Larry Kischmischian, President of Mission Youth Soccer League, explained that he had 22 soccer leagues and has been looking for open space for over 7 months. He was in favor of a soccer field at Dolores Park and said that the City kids need a space to practice the sport. He asked the Commission to consider the needs of the children.

2. OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION AND PARK RENOVATION FUND
1993-1994 RECOMMENDATIONS (Continued)

Public Testimony (Continued)

David Fellers, a planner, was opposed to the soccer field and said that the proposed project is unclear and did not address such issues as where people would park since the soccer field would increase traffic congestion. He felt that it was difficult to make a decision without having all the facts.

Joan Holden, who is affiliated with the San Francisco Mime Troupe, said the Troupe has been using Dolores Park for thirty years. She suggested that permanent limits be placed on the area in question. She said the Mime Troupe could support the field provided it had no fences, no lights, and no grading. Personally speaking, she did not think it made sense to bulldoze a park when there was a field at 16th and Bryant. She felt that more comprehensive planning should be undertaken by staff on this issue.

Mauricio Auiles, a member of the Open Space Committee, spoke in support of the soccer field at Dolores Park and said that soccer is a worldwide sport. In the last 10 years soccer has grown in popularity and there are more soccer leagues and teams. The issue is not to find alternatives but to find more soccer fields because it is a growing sport. He said this soccer field will be used by many communities.

Lanita Sanchez, lives close to Dolores Park, explained that other cities such as Fremont, have new developments and open space for soccer, and that they understand the need to keep children involved and busy so that they do not have time to get in trouble. She did not comprehend why a soccer field in every other community other than San Francisco is considered open space.

Rachel Newlin, 12 years old, had heard comments about ancient Indian burial grounds on Dolores Park land. She felt that her ancestors would not mind the placement of a soccer field at the park.

Francisco J. Lopez, a native San Franciscan, who serves on the Mayor's Mission Task Force and is a member of Coleman Advocates for Children and Youth, explained that he had a concern for the children of San Francisco. He strongly urged the Commissions to build more soccer fields in the Mission to help misguided youth.

Andrew Solow, supported the soccer field at Dolores Park and commented that the City approval process was a very trying venture. He said that a soccer field can be used for other youth sports such as volleyball, field hockey, etc. He said that kids do not need to have a regulation size soccer field and that bleachers would be totally inappropriate for the Dolores Park site and were never proposed.

Harry Clark, a resident of 18th Street, and landscape architect, said the City is attempting to approve a project that is not well defined and he was concerned with that process. He was opposed to the Dolores Park soccer field, because if it involved an increased use of a portion of Dolores Park it would then require increased maintenance. He has seen many park improvements funded without any consideration for maintenance. He did not favor funding park improvements that the City cannot maintain nor changing a park use that is already contributing to the needs of the public.

2. OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION AND PARK RENOVATION FUND
1993-1994 RECOMMENDATIONS (Continued)

Public Testimony (Continued)

Rev. Kelly Denton-Brohany, explained that her church is located directly across the street from Dolores Park and has been there 5 years. She was very aware of a high level of need for the children and youth in the Mission. She said there are woefully inadequate resources for youth. She supported the children of the community and the soccer field and felt it was needed. She said both regulation and practice fields are needed in the Mission.

Juan Gonzalez, supported the soccer field and explained that the soccer field will not be in use 24 hours a day. He said monies have already been allocated for Franklin Square soccer renovation and that another field is needed. He said it is possible to save children's lives by organized sports. He felt that drug users would leave the park when they saw children and parents involved in sports activities.

Alanna Zuppan, lives on Hill Street near Dolores Park and displayed pictures of Franklin Square. She said there is a need for more soccer fields in the City and she admired those working towards this goal. But she did not think Dolores Park was an appropriate site for a soccer field.

Conway Chang, opposed the soccer field at Dolores Park and felt it was improper to have it in the park. He opposed the field because there would be no way to maintain it. He described an open space lot he is maintaining on his own which has been damaged from people running through the area.

Mario Chavez, President of the San Francisco Bay Soccer Organization, said that he wants to develop children from the Mission who can play soccer professionally. He said this field will give him a chance to develop the City's youth to become to soccer players and to be able to play at a professional level.

Tisha Kenny, a member of the 19th Street and Oakwood Neighborhood Association, has witnessed the drug dealing at Dolores Park and felt that alternatives must be found for the youth. She said that the neighbors already hear noise from events and activities held at Dolores Park. Dolores Park has changed through the years and the Latino community wants to do something for kids. She felt that this need should be validated and understood.

Paul Nixon, from Fair Oaks Neighbors, said he was very concerned that some of the neighborhood organizations are troubled with this proposal. He felt that the neighborhood organizations should work with youth because children and senior all live in the same City.

Eileen Holsten, said she was born and raised in the Sunset and used the neighborhood playgrounds. She moved to Liberty Street when she was married and took her 6 children to Dolores Park. She wanted her grandchildren to have an opportunity to play soccer. She felt that open space was not as important as having a soccer field.

2. **OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION AND PARK RENOVATION FUND 1993-1994 RECOMMENDATIONS (Continued)**

Public Testimony (Continued)

Nick Jarrett, a member of the Dolores Heights Improvement Club, said that every day he drives by Dolores Park. He felt that Dolores Park should not be destroyed from its present state and that there were alternatives to the need for a soccer field.

Jake Sigg, explained that he was one of seven members of the Open Space Advisory Committee that filed a minority report on the Dolores Park issue. He felt the decision was made in a very charged atmosphere and that adequate discussion had not taken place. He said this portion of the park will be completely dedicated for soccer during the weekends and a good part of the weekday. He said that this is a land use decision and must be considered as such. He said that money should be taken from Open Space transportation funds and used to bus kids to Franklin Square while long range solutions are developed.

Claire Isaacs, a member of the Open Space Committee, said she recommended against the proposal to place a soccer field at Dolores Park. She admired those who have spoken on behalf of children but she was troubled by the way this proposal was developed. She is a fourth generation San Franciscan and said Dolores Park has tremendous history and beauty. She commented that legislators do not quickly change the use of an historical building and the parks should be treated the same way. She explained that Franklin Square is an excellent place for soccer and that there are transportation funds in the Open Space Program to enable kids to get to this park. She felt that this issue should be planned carefully.

Kent E. Watson, a landscape architect who has designed parks, said he has been a resident of the area near Dolores Park for over 15 years. He was adamantly opposed to the addition of a soccer field at this park. The field would be placed in the one remaining flat spot in the park and the entire community uses this area. He noted that Franklin Square is available and that a staff report should be done on the possibility of using the Misson High School practice field. He displayed a drawing of the soccer field for the Commission and said there would be a blind spot in the southwest corner of the field.

Ted Werfhorst, felt that Mission High School field could be leased to Recreation and Park. He did not want a full soccer field at Dolores Park and felt this section of the park should remain a passive area.

Sally Mendez, lives in the Mission and asked the Commission to support a soccer field at Dolores Park. She said there is more and more violence in the Mission and they needed a location for recreational activities. She said there are not enough soccer fields for the youth.

Vicki Rega, said that a lot of organizations could use the soccer field and that people who are involved with at-risk people understand the need for this field. She was upset by some of the comments she heard and felt that everyone should care about kids instead of their property values.

2. OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION AND PARK RENOVATION FUND
1993-1994 RECOMMENDATIONS (Continued)

Public Testimony (Continued)

Riban San Miguel, said one of the reasons the Dolores Park site is being considered is because it is accessible by public transportation and children do not own vehicles. She said that Franklin Square and Mission High are already utilized and they need 6 to 8 soccer sites. There are 14,000 youth in the Mission District and soccer is growing in popularity. She said that Franklin Square needs to be renovated and was saddened to hear opposition to Dolores Park. She urged the Commission to support the proposal.

Rita Klinger, lives in the Mission District, three blocks from Dolores Park, and spoke in opposition to the soccer field. She said the proponents are insistent that no major changes will be made to the park but without fencing it will be dangerous for children. She said the soccer field will have one goal post near Dolores Street and one near the railway tracks. She thought that balls will be kicked out onto the street creating a safety hazard. She asked how the City will defend claims filed against it from such incidents.

Nan McGuire, a member of the Open Space Committee, said this issue was very difficult. She said that everyone favors soccer and the Open Space Committee has directed $350,000 for renovation of Franklin Square for soccer. She explained that the $300,000 for the soccer field at Dolores Park will not be available until next September. She thought it wise to use that money for soccer field development. She felt that Recreation and Park should work with the community to find a resolution other than creating yet another field at Dolores Park.

Lauri Irving, a member of the Open Space Advisory Committee, supported the soccer field at Dolores Park. She was concerned about the youth incarceration rate and felt it was critical for children to have an opportunity to be active. She encouraged the Commissions to support the proposal.

Loren Charles, lives on Dolores Street and said that people realize that a regulation size soccer field will severely impact the use of Dolores Park. He said nobody has addressed or resolved the parking problem that will be created by the field. He favored a soccer field for children but could not justify damaging the aesthetics in Dolores Park. He said thatif the soccer field is placed in Dolores Park what will prevent future requests for lighting the field.

Edith McMillan, said that .17 acres of open space land was sold at $2.2 million to the Olympic Club. She felt that these monies should be placed in the Open Space Fund for recreation facilities. She wanted all proceeds for the sale of open space to be deposited in the Open Space Program to help the public acquire and develop soccer fields and upgrade recreation facilities.

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2. **OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION AND PARK RENOVATION FUND 1993-1994 RECOMMENDATIONS (Continued)**

Steve Shotland, representing City Planning, presented a resolution to the Planning Commission to adopt the program budget contained in the Recreation and Park's General Manager's Report with the inclusion of $40,000 for the revision of the recreation and open space element of the City Master Plan as discussed on April 15, 1993.

President Unobskey clarified the point that funding for Brooks Park is excluded from the General Manager's Report. It was agreed that the Recreation and Park Commission should first vote on the 1993-94 Open Space Acquisition and Park Renovation Fund.

Commissioner Chan explained that the overriding issue is that parks are for all the citizens of San Francisco. He said that parks serve the general public of all ages. To adults, passive enjoyment of a park is supreme but for children active recreation is more enjoyable. He said he witnesses families and children using the Marina Green, enjoying recreational activities such as flying kites, sunbathing, etc. He felt that those who live on the Marina Boulevard would most likely prefer to have such activity not across the street. He sympathized with the neighbors opposed to the soccer field but commented that the proponents have said they would not place permanent goal posts, benches, bleachers, etc., on the field. Commissioner Chan wanted the soccer field to be no larger than 210' so that there is space for passive recreation. With those conditions, he supported the soccer field.

Commissioner Immendorf said it is clear that the youth of the City need soccer fields and that both those in favor and opposed presented excellent viewpoints. Commissioner Immendorf explained that he has worked with the Police Athletics League for more than 20 years, teaching youth the value of sportsmanship. He also spoke to the Chief of Police, Anthony Ribera, who felt that the soccer field would be a strong influence in deterring children from drug use and gang activity. He said there was a consensus that there would be no fences, concrete retaining walls, and nothing that would be intrusive to the area being utilized by others. The Mayor, Supervisors Alioto and Hallinan all support the soccer field.

Commissioner Immendorf was prepared to make a motion to approve a soccer field with the absence of a fence, no concrete retaining wall, no bleachers and with a formal agreement delineating these conditions.

Commissioner Ruiz supported the development of a soccer field in Dolores Park. He was prepared to proceed with the project provided it did not require lighting, bleachers, fencing, goal posts, and that it only required minor grading. He said the Recreation and Park Department budget contemplates closing recreation centers on Sundays and laying off recreation directors, and that there are less resources available for the youth. The monies from the Open Space Fund will give kids a place to practice. He enjoyed using Dolores Park and would continue using it.

2. OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION AND PARK RENOVATION FUND
1993-1994 RECOMMENDATIONS (Continued)

Commissioner Sommer said there were too many unanswered questions such as what kind of tripping hazard or holes would result from the removal of temporary goal posts. She did not think that all of the alternatives had been considered and that there were unanswered questions regarding the retaining wall. She planned to vote against the soccer field because the plan was not well thought out.

Commissioner Farrow said she was prepared to vote for the soccer field after hearing all the impassioned comments from the public and knowing the Board of Education unanimously voted for the establishment of a soccer field at Dolores Park. She said it is necessary to offer some type of recreation and the development of a sport activity will be a deterrent to gang and violence. Given the tremendous budget cutbacks facing the Department she favored the establishment of a soccer field in Dolores Park.

Commissioner Eickman said that everyone recognizes that soccer is an international sport. However, he did not think that Dolores Park was the appropriate site and that other areas in the Mission District should be considered for a soccer field. In his mind this field will only be a practice field and will not give the community a regulation soccer field which they want and deserve. He felt that the money should be used at Franklin Square to develop a regulation soccer field with lighting and fencing. He said this matter was a land use issue and he felt that Dolores Park should not be used for this activity. He further explained that the placement of a soccer field in Dolores Park is the beginning of the destruction of this park site. He felt that his role was to preserve the parks for all citizens. He did not think the proposal was well planned or a proper use of the park.

President Orr concurred with Commissioner Eickman's comments and said that he had a great deal of respect for all the opinions expressed. He was going to vote against this item because it set a precedent. He said the Open Space fund was established chiefly to acquire new open space and to renovate existing uses of parks. He did not like setting a precedent to use Open Space funds to recast the successful uses of existing parks. Although the City desperately needs soccer for children it also desperately needs places for passive use, an unstructured park space. He said that Dolores Park is now actively used for pick-up soccer, volleyball games, and picnicking. He felt it was problematic to use Open Space Funds for an area that is working and change its use. He also expressed fear that a small practice field will not meet the needs of soccer community and that a continuing expansion of the field may occur.

On motion of Commissioner Immendorf, seconded by Commissioner Ruiz, the Commission voted to rescind the Commission's previous action from the meeting of April 15, 1993.

The motion to rescind was approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Farrow, Immendorf, Ruiz
Noes: Commissioners Eickman, Orr, Sommer

2. **OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION AND PARK RENOVATION FUND 1993-1994 RECOMMENDATIONS (Continued)**

On motion of Commissioner Immendorf, seconded by Commissioner Ruiz, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16647

RESOLVED, That the Recreation and Park Commission does hereby approve the program, contained in the "General Manager's Report: Park and Open Space Fund, Fiscal Year 1993/94" dated June 10, 1993, which program is hereby found to be in accordance with the Recreation and Open Space Element of the Master Plan and Programs document approved by the City Planning Commission, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That $300,000 shall be allocated for the development of a soccer field at Dolores Park with the following stipulations: the field shall have no fencing, no concrete retaining walls, no lighting and no bleacher areas.

Approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Farrow, Immendorf, Ruiz
Noes: Commissioners Eickman, Orr, Sommer

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On motion of Commissioner Fung, seconded by Commissioner Lowenberg, the Commission voted to rescind the Planning Commission's previous action from the meeting of April 15, 1993.

Commissioner Levine said that it is very evident that there is a need for soccer in the Mission District. She felt that children and young people do not necessarily have to play on a regulation size field and that this simple field will serve the needs of the population. She said that more places needed to be developed for soccer in the Mission. She was saddened to hear that the restrooms are closed in the afternoon and hoped that they could be kept open. She hoped that Recreation and Park Department would look carefully into scheduling the use of this park so that people work together and that the soccer groups would be sensitive to the neighbors who view this park as a precious commodity.

Deputy City Attorney, Andrew Schwartz, outlined the proposed changes in the General Manager's Report for the City Planning Commission.

On motion of Commissioner Lowenberg, seconded by Commissioner Fung, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 13535

WHEREAS, The electorate of San Francisco in November 1988 revised Charter Section 6.413 establishing the San Francisco Park and Open Space Fund to be supported by an annual Ad Valorem tax of two and one-half cents ($0.025) for each one hundred dollars ($100) assessed valuation for a 15-year period; and

WHEREAS, Charter Section 6.413 specifies that the General Manager of the Recreation and Park Department shall annually present a report on the disposition of the Fund for approval by a majority of each of the Recreation and Park Commission and the City Planning Commission, meeting jointly; and

2. **OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION AND PARK RENOVATION FUND 1993-1994 RECOMMENDATIONS** (Continued) — RES. NO. 13535 (Continued)

WHEREAS, In formulating the 1993-1994 program, the fourth year of the program, the General Manager of the Recreation and Park Department closely considered the recommendations of the Park and Open Space Citizen's Advisory Committee, which were made after several months of diligent work that involved community discussions, field investigations, and public hearings; and

WHEREAS, Charter Section 6.413 requires that the program be consistent with the Recreation and Open Space Element of the Master Plan and in accordance with the Recreation and Open Space Programs document; and

WHEREAS, The Recreation and Open Space Element of the Master Plan was amended by CPC Resolution No. 13149 on August 15, 1991, to add Policy 13, which states: "Preserve and protect Significant Natural Areas," and includes criteria to determine whether a site constitutes a Significant Natural Resource Area worthy of protection; and

WHEREAS, The Recreation and Park Commission recommends that three sites, Hawk Hill (also known as Funston Terrace), O'Shaughnessy Hollow, and portions of Bayview Hill, be designated as Significant Natural Resource Areas; and

WHEREAS, Three sites proposed for acquisition under the Natural Areas Acquisition category, Hawk Hill (also known as Funston Terrace), O'Shaughnessy Hollow, and a portion of Bayview Hill, meet the criteria for Significant Natural Areas contained in Policy 13, and can be considered Significant Natural Areas worthy of protection; and

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Park and Open Space Program was determined by the San Francisco Department of City Planning (hereinafter "Department") to be categorically exempt from the environmental review process pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and the Commission has reviewed and concurs with said determination; and

WHEREAS, The Program responds to the Priority Policies of Section 101.1 of the Planning Code; and

WHEREAS, Members of the Park and Open Space Citizens Advisory Committee worked to revise and update a Five Year Plan for open space acquisition, development, renovation and maintenance which are consistent with the goals and policies of the Recreation and Open Space Element of the Master Plan and the Recreation and Open Space Programs document; and

WHEREAS, The General Manager of the Recreation and Park Department on April 15, 1993, presented to the two Commissions, meeting jointly, the program entitled, "General Manager's Report: Park and Open Space Fund, Fiscal Year 1993-1994", dated April 15, 1993, and the "Open Space Program Five Year Plan 1993-1994", and

WHEREAS, Four sites proposed for acquisition as public open space were not identified in the Recreation and Open Space Element as "Proposed Public Open Space, Acquire for or Convert to Public Open Space"; and

2. **OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION AND PARK RENOVATION FUND 1993-1994 RECOMMENDATIONS** (Continued) — RES. NO. 13535 (Continued)

WHEREAS, The sites: Bonview Lots, (Assessor's Block 5614, lots 47-50); Brewster/Franconia site (AB 5556, lot 56); Mullen Peralta site (AB 5538, lots 14, 15, 23, 28, and portions of undeveloped Mullen and Peralta Street r-o-w); Evans/Hunters Point Boulevard Triangle (AB 4646, lots 9-11) have been proposed for acquisition as public open space; and

WHEREAS, Each of the sites proposed for acquisition is either very close to, or contiguous to existing parkland or public open space; and there is significant community support for acquisition of the sites for open space purposes; and

WHEREAS, The City Planning Commission considered acquisition of the five sites at a public hearing on April 15, 1993, at which the Commission heard public testimony concerning acquisition of the sites; and

WHEREAS, At the public hearing on April 15, 1993, the Planning Commission also considered Case No. 93.159M, the proposed amendment of the Recreation and Open Space Element, to add sites to Map 4, the "Citywide Recreation and Open Space Plan" and in addition to add the Evans/Hunters Point Triangle Site to Map 8, the "Eastern Shoreline Plan" under the category "Proposed Public Open Space, Acquire for or Convert to Public Open Space"; and

WHEREAS, Prior to approving the Program contained in the "General Manager's Report, San Francisco Park and Open Space Program, Fiscal Year 1993-1994", the City Planning Commission approved Resolution No. 13506, amending the Recreation and Open Space Element of the Master Plan, adding four sites proposed for acquisition as public open space to the Category "Proposed Public Open Space, Acquire for or Convert to Public Open Space" in Maps 4 and 8; and

WHEREAS, On April 15, 1993, the City Planning Commission adopted Resolution No. 13507, adopting the program entitled "General Manager's Report: Park and Open Space Fund, Fiscal Year 1993-1994", dated April 15, 1993, and the "Open Space Program Five Year Plan 1993-1994, but the City Attorney's Office recommended that the Recreation and Park Commissions meet at a second joint Public Hearing to consider and act on the Program;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Planning Commission does hereby find the program contained in the "General Manager's Report: Park and Open Space Fund, Fiscal Year 1993-94," as amended, to be in conformity with the Recreation and Open Space Element of the Master Plan, and in accord with the Recreation and Open Space Programs document;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City Planning Commission does hereby approve the Program, and adopt the budget for allocation and expenditure of the Program Fund, as recorded in the "General Manager's Report, San Francisco Park and Open Space Program, Fiscal Year 1993-1994", as amended by the June 2, 1993 Memorandum from Phil Arnold to the Recreation and Park Commission;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City Planning Commission does hereby approve the recommendations in the updated "Open Space Program Five Year Plan 1993-1994".

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment was received.

4. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the Special Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission and City Planning Commission was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shauna Marie Rose
Commission Secretary

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683RD REGULAR MEETING

THURSDAY, JUNE 17, 1993 - 2:00 P.M.

The Six Hundred and Eighty-Third Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Thursday, June 17, 1993, at 2:00 p.m. by President Trent W. Orr.

1. ROLL CALL

Present:
Commissioner Trent W. Orr, President
Commissioner Jack Immendorf, Vice President
Commissioner Sidney Chan
Commissioner Keith Eickman
Commissioner Santiago Ruiz
Commissioner Sue Sommer
Absent:
Commissioner Bella Farrow

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Commissioner Ruiz, seconded by Commissioner Sommer, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 20, 1993, were approved as presented.

3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

General Manager, Marv **E. Burns**, submitted the following report:

"BUDGET HEARINGS

The Board of S[illegible]ors has issued a revised schedule for its consideration of [illegible]-94 budget. The Budget Committee will hold hearings on the bu[illegible]eginning June 22. The first hearing on the Recreation and Park Department budget will be on June 23. The hearing begins at 1:00 p.m. for the Cultural and Recreation group which includes eight departments. The Recreation and Park Department will be the last department considered in this group. An additional public hearing on the budget has also been scheduled for Saturday, June 26, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m Members of the public are invited to testify at this hearing on the subject of the Mayor's proposed budget. Budget review meetings will then be held by the Budget Committee on June 29 through July 1. At the conclusion of these meet ngs, the Budget Committee will forward its recommendations to the Boa d of Supervisors.

SEIU LABOR AGREEMENT AWARD

Attached to this report is a copy of a letter I sent to the Board of Supervisors outlining the negative impact the provisions of the award will have on the Recreation and Park Department.

LARSEN PLANE

Work is underway to finally remove the lead contaminated plane at Larsen Park. After more than a year of negotiations and several failed alternatives, the Navy has finally authorized donation of their plane to the Pacific Air Museum located in Windsor, California. Steve Penning, project manager for the museum, has informed us that the dismantling of the aircraft is much more difficult than anticipated. The museum will complete dismantling the plane this Saturday, June 19, and, barring complications, removal of the plane will occur on June 26. The area will continue to be fenced until soil samples are tested for lead content. You will recall that the soil test results, unlike those of the jet surface, showed low levels of lead content. Nevertheless, as a precaution, the soil will be tested again.

CAMP MATHER

Camp Mather received a major upgrade to the physical plant this year. Painting was one of the biggest accomplishments. The interior and exterior of all guest cabins, kitchen, mess hall, staff quarters, amphitheatre, stage, decks, benches and garbage cans were painted. Extensive carpentry work was done in all areas, especially porches, decks, railings and stairs to ensure that they are safe and secure. Roofing work continued on the worst roofs; 60% of all roofing has now been completed. The Cement Shop installed 11 new bear-proof garbage cans and performed miscellaneous cement work throughout camp.

Disabled access was a high priority. A ramp was installed for accessibility to the General Store, and pull strings were replaced with electric switches in the handicapped accessible cabin.

3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)

CAMP MATHER (Continued)

Our Energy Conservation Program was continued with the installation of low-flow shower heads throughout camp as well as conversion of two bath houses from incandescent to fluorescent fixtures. A new water filtration system was installed to meet federal regulations. Water storage capacity was increased with the addition of two 55,000 gallon tanks to comply with National Park Service requirements.

Tent camp sites were adjusted and some were removed to new and better locations. Tree toppers completed removal of all dead and weakened trees as a result of the drought.

The Water level in Birch Lake is the highest it has been in 25 years.

Thanks to the hard work and dedication of Yard and Park staff over the past six weeks, camp will open in the best condition it has been in for many years.

SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAMS

The Recreation Division Summer Session will be in full swing starting July 1. Along with the traditional line-up of summer activities, staff has created several new programs that will add a new dimension to our summer schedule. The first is titled, "Kids Day in the Grove." This is the first of a kind collaboration with the Stern Grove Festival Association where three special events are planned, especially for kids, at Stern Grove. The Festival Association has arranged for special guest artists who will provide instruction to 150 children in various aspects of music, dance and theatre. The sessions will be held on three Tuesdays--June 29, July 20 and August 17. The workshops will be given by the artists performing the following Sunday at the Grove.

The second addition is a new program at Children's Playground that will feature daily special events for the many youngsters and adults who visit. Recreation Director Jan Gloe has assembled a variety of performers, musicians and crafts professionals who will provide activities throughout the summer.

CANDLESTICK PARK ART GALLERY

Candlestick Park will host a unique event on July 11, 1993, serving as an art gallery titled, "Legends at the Stick...an Artful Experience in Baseball." Artist Tom Rodriques has rented the stadium to display his hand-painted, life-sized renditions of the legendary heroes of the sport. The canvasses will be on the field in the positions in which the athletes played. Patrons will be limited to a 2,500 maximum since they will be allowed to walk on the field and "mix with the players."

All direct costs to the Department will be paid and a rental fee of $10,000 charged for the day. The paintings are for sale, ranging from $5,000 to $35,000.

3. **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)**

CANDLESTICK PARK FLEA MARKET

The flea market at Candlestick Park that you approved two months ago will have its kickoff weekend June 19-20, 1993. Promoters report that as of this date, over 1,900 of the available 2,000 stalls have been rented for this weekend. Youth from the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department's Teen Program have been hired for litter control on event days.

PUBLIC TOILETS

The Department of Public Works has awarded JCDecaux Company the contract to place 27 self-cleaning toilets at various locations throughout San Francisco. Six of the proposed sites are on Recreation and Park property and have been recommended by our staff as possible sites for the installation of the new toilets. They are Boeddeker Park, Macaulay Park, Justin Herman Plaza, Civic Center Plaza, McLaren Park and the south end of Lake Merced.

The installation of the self-cleaning toilets will have to be approved by the Recreation and Park Commission. More details will be provided when the item is presented to the Parks and Planning Committee in the near future.

ROCK OUTCROPPING DECISION

An appeal on the Rock Outcropping acquisition has been settled in favor of the City. The acquisition has been upheld and no additional payment will be required. Furthermore, in any future such cases, the property owner must prove that the Planning Commission would approve the density of development proposed by the owner. Previously, the City was in the position of proving that the Planning Commission would not approve the density of development proposed by the owner. The final decision on this matter has been published and can be used as precedent in any future cases.

STRAWBERRY SPRING MUSIC FESTIVAL

The Strawberry Music Festival at Camp Mather on Memorial Day weekend was a success. There were 3,700 adults and 722 children in attendance. The event generated $353,190.00; the Department's share will be $42,011.80. The weather was overcast throughout the festival, but the rain held off until Monday. Heavy rainfall for several hours on Monday morning made it miserable for Strawberry's staff to clean up the camp, but clean-up was completed in a timely manner pursuant to the lease schedule.

BISON

The bison herd in Golden Gate Park will relinquish their Shakespearean names in favor of Native American names at the Bison Reclaiming and Renaming Ceremony, which will take place at the Bison Paddock in Golden Gate Park on Saturday, June 26, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Watchbison Committee, Native American Advisory Committee and the San Francisco Zoological Society are combining efforts to honor and celebrate the bison's place in Native American culture.

3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)

BISON (Continued)

The ceremony will feature Native Americans in tribal dress performing song, dance and conducting the official renaming ceremony. The public is invited to join in the Social Round Dance closing the day's festivities. Guests are also invited to view the bison as San Francisco Zoo keepers feed the animals.

Bison have lived in Golden Gate Park since 1891, first placed there by Park Superintendent John McLaren. Captive breeding efforts have saved the species from extinction, and today there are healthy herds in a number of National Parks as well as a large population maintained by private breeders.

SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS

The following claims, under $5,000, were settled by the City Attorney's Office during the month of May 1993:

Martinez, Gonzalo	$ 868.83	Zarate, Abel J.	$ 350.00
Lodigiani, Florence	100.00	Murphy, Francis	1,095.43
Bajjalieh, Susan	275.53	Fiorito, Charlotte	296.00
Romiti, Robert A.	295.00	Newman, Milton L.	125.00
Wages, David Sims	1,900.00	Ko, Soo-Kil	355.00
Raintree, Shannon	221.86	Bartels, Susan C.	130.38

DATES TO REMEMBER

Sunday, June 20, 1993	Opening of Stern Grove Music Festival: Preservation Hall Jazz Band; 2:00 p.m.; Stern Grove
Wednesday, June 23, 1993	Board of Supervisors Budget Committee hearing on departmental budgets; 1:00 p.m.; City Hall
Saturday, June 26, 1993	Board of Supervisors Budget Committee public testimony on departmental budgets; 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. [Recreation and Park: 11:00 a.m. to 12 noon]; City Hall
Thursday, July 1, 1993	Finance and Administration Committee Meeting; 4:00 p.m.; McLaren Lodge
Saturday, July 3, 1993	Young People's Teen Musical Theatre: Westside Story; 1:00 p.m.; Liberty Tree Meadow, Golden Gate Park
Sunday, July 4, 1993	Young People's Teen Musical Theatre: Westside Story; 1:00 p.m.; Liberty Tree Meadow, Golden Gate Park

3. **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)**

DATES TO REMEMBER (Continued)

Monday, July 5, 1993	Independence Day Holiday (observed)
Monday, July 5, 1993	Young People's Teen Musical Theatre: Westside Story; 1:00 p.m.; Liberty Tree Meadow, Golden Gate Park
Tuesday, July 6, 1993	Parks and Planning Committee Meeting; 4:00 p.m.; McLaren Lodge
Wednesday, July 7, 1993	Joint Zoo Committee Meeting; 4:30 p.m. tour, 5:00 p.m. meeting; Education Classroom, S.F. Zoo
Saturday, July 10, 1993	Young People's Teen Musical Theatre: Westside Story; 1:00 p.m.; Liberty Tree Meadow, Golden Gate Park
Sunday, July 11, 1993	Young People's Teen Musical Theatre: Westside Story; 1:00 p.m.; Liberty Tree Meadow, Golden Gate Park
Monday, July 12, 1993	Golden Gate Park Committee Meeting; 4:00 p.m.; McLaren Lodge"

4. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

All matters listed hereunder constitute a Consent Calendar, are considered to be routine by the Recreation and Park Commission and will be acted upon by a single roll call vote of the Commission. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member so requests, in which event the matter shall be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered as a separate item.

On motion of Commissioner Ruiz, seconded by Commissioner Sommer, ratification of the following resolutions, which are processed under Resolution No. 13572:

a. **PERSONNEL MATTERS** **RES. NO. 16649**

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies the actions taken by the General Manager regarding personnel matters during the period May 5, 1993 through June 2, 1993.

b. **GOLDEN GATE PARK**
LIBERTY TREE MEADOW
MULTIPLE DAY EVENTS **RES. NO. 16650**

RESOLVED, That this commission approves the multiple day events on Saturday, Sunday and Monday, July 3, 4 and 5, 1993, Saturdays and Sundays, July 10, 11, 17 and 18, 1993, for the Young People's Teen Musical Theatre Company at the Liberty Tree Meadow.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR (Continued)

c. **GOLDEN GATE PARK PANHANDLE** — RES. NO. 16651
8TH ANNUAL S.F. CITY
BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the two-day event on Saturday and Sunday, July 31 and August 1, 1993, for the 8th Annual San Francisco City Basketball Championships at the Panhandle in Golden Gate Park.

d. **GOLDEN GATE PARK** — RES. NO. 16652
CONSERVATORY OF FLOWERS

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves a revision of hours of operation for the Conservatory of Flowers as follows: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. year round.

e. **GOLDEN GATE PARK** — RES. NO. 16653
COMEDY DAY/AIDS WALK "93" SPECIAL EVENT PARKING

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves a revocable permit for special event parking in Golden Gate Park, Comedy Day/Aids Walk "93" on July 25, 1993.

f. **CAREERS ABOUND** — RES. NO. 16654
AWARD OF CONTRACT

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves an award of contract with Careers Abound, in the amount of $20,000, from 7/1/93 to 6/30/94, to provide severely disabled persons as receptionists/information trainees for the Recreation and Park Department.

g. **RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT** — RES. NO. 16655
INFORMATION SYSTEMS MASTER PLAN

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the Information Systems Master Plan for the Recreation and Park Department.

h. **GOLDEN GATE PARK - PANHANDLE** — RES. NO. 16656
NEW FOOD VENDING PUSHCART SITE

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the new food vending pushcart site in the Panhandle Area of Golden Gate Park.

4. **CONSENT CALENDAR** (Continued)

i. **GOLDEN GATE PARK** — **RES. NO. 16657**
STOW LAKE CONCESSION PRICE INCREASE

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves an increase the following food and boat rental prices at Stow Lake, effective June 18, 1993:

SNACK BAR ITEMS	CURRENT	APPROVED
Hot Dog (8 to a pound)	$1.80	$1.90
Fresh Popcorn	1.35	1.50
It's It	1.00	1.20

BOAT RENTALS	CURRENT/HR	APPROVED/HR
Motor Boats (2 Passengers)	$11.75	$13.00
Row Boats (2 Passengers)	8.50	9.50
Small Pedal Boats (1 or 2 Passengers)	9.25	10.50
Large Pedal Boats (up to 4 Passengers)	10.75	12.00

BICYCLE RENTAL	CURRENT/HR	APPROVED/HR
Bicycles	$7.00	No Change
Tandems	New Item	$12.00
Surrey Cycles	New Item	$15.00

j. **SETTLEMENT OF CLAIM** — **RES. NO. 16658**

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the settlement of claim of Paul Green v. City and County of San Francisco, et al. in the amount of $2,000.00.

k. **GOLF COURSES** — **RES. NO. 16659**
GREEN FEE SURCHARGES

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the continuation of a surcharge of $4.00 on non-residents (Standard) and tournament fees, and $2.00 on Resident Fees at 18-hole golf courses.

l. **GOLDEN GATE PARK** — **RES. NO. 16660**
KEZAR STADIUM PERMIT POLICY
AMENDMENT TO POLICY

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves an amendment to Kezar Stadium Permit Policy to allow up to two field light permit events during any week from September 1 through November 15 of each calendar year.

m. **SPECIAL NEEDS DIVISION** — **RES. NO. 16661**
OVERNIGHT TRIP

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies an overnight trip to Reno, Nevada by Special Needs Division on May 25-26, 1993.

n. **RECREATION DIVISION** — **RES. NO. 16662**
WEEKEND CAMPING TRIP

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves a weekend camping retreat on July 9-11, 1993 co-sponsored by the Girl Scouts of America.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR (Continued)

o. PROJECT INSIGHT — RES. NO. 16663
SUMMER DAY CAMP TRIP

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the Project Insight two day camping trip for Deaf and Blind Children on July 22-23, 1993 to Angel Island.

p. PROJECT INSIGHT — RES. NO. 16664
SUMMER DAY CAMP TRIP

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the Project Insight fourth Annual Summer Day Camp Trip for Deaf and Blind Children on August 9-14, 1993 to Camp Mather and Yosemite.

q. PROJECT INSIGHT — RES. NO. 16665
CAMPING/RIVER RAFTING TRIP

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the Project Insight camping/river rafting trip on the Klamath River for Deathand Blind Youth on August 22-26, 1993.

4r. RECREATION DIVISION — RES. NO. 16666
OVERNIGHT OUTING

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves an overnight outing to Modesto, California by the Girls' Personal Development Program on June 19-20, 1993.

GENERAL CALENDAR

5. SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS
ANIMAL TRANSACTIONS

Ratification of the animal transactions (processed under Resolution No. 13572) for the San Francisco Zoological Gardens.

Zoo Director, David Anderson, explained that the Zoo had an opportunity to pair its male galago who is aged, with an older female that is being housed at the Duke Primate Center. The pair is too old for breeding but will provide companionship. Two female tree shrew have been purchased from the National Zoo to fill this currently vacant exhibit. The Zoo is not interested in breeding these animals since they are plentiful in captivity and in the wild. A California King Snake was donated for the Zoo's animal resource center for the education program.

On motion of Commissioner Eickman, seconded by Commissioner Sommer, the following resolution was adopted:

5. **SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS**
ANIMAL TRANSACTIONS (Continued)

RES. NO. 16667

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies the following animal transactions (proceeded under Resolution No. 13572) for the San Francisco Zoological Gardens:

PURCHASED FROM: Duke University Primate Center
3705 Erwin Road
Erwin, North Carolina 27705
USDA #55-3

One (1) Female Galago valued at $600.00

PURCHASED FROM: National Zoo
3000 Block of Connecticut, NW
Washington, D.C. 20008

Two (2) Female Tree Shrew, valued at $100.00

DONATED FROM: Lindsey Museum
1901 First Avenue
Walnut Creek, CA 94596

One (1) California King Snake

6. **SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY**
SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS
LEASE AGREEMENT

Approval of lease agreement between the Recreation and Park Commission and San Francisco Zoological Society for the operation of the San Francisco Zoological Gardens.

This item was removed from the Calendar.

7. **SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS**
CAPITAL RENOVATIONS 1993-94

Conceptual approval of capital renovations for 1993-94 for the San Francisco Zoological Gardens.

Zoo Director, David Anderson, gave an overview of the Zoo's capital renovation plans for the next fiscal year and explained there are 22 major groups of renovations required at the Zoo that have been prioritized. Monies are now being raised for an orangutan exhibit and a new quarantine facility will be constructed off exhibit. The African Savannah section of the Zoo will be the first unit constructed as the animals have been placed without regard to a zoogeographic theme.

7. **SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS**
CAPITAL RENOVATIONS 1993-94 (Continued)

Mr. Anderson highlighted other features of the capital renovations:

- Currently, visitors experience confusion navigating through the pathways at the Zoo. As the Zoo increased in size, the pathway plan was never properly developed. The Zoo plans to chart a major route system through the use of signage, plant materials, graphics and coding that will show the public that they are on the major pathway.

- Since funding is available, the feline breeding center will be constructed.

- The Zoo will design and construct the leopards of Asia. Some other animals will have to be moved during this construction including the grey kangaroos and the lynx.

- The Zoo plans to add tables and umbrellas at the eating facilities, as well as new waste receptacles and park benches and graphics which will explain the Zoo 2000 Master Plan and describe the loop system.

- The Zoo is also considering placement of banners at the entrance and to place additional plantings on the main loop system and along Sloat Boulevard.

- Possible expansion of hours at the lion house to 8 hours a day and use of the interior of the building for science education exhibits.

- The otter exhibit will be renovated. This exhibit is now a pit and the animal needs access to more natural materials.

- Modest landscaping of the flamingo exhibit and lynx exhibit.

- Install one, stylized type of fencing throughout the Zoo. Currently, there are 7 different fence styles.

- Sea Lion pools needs to be repainted and landscaped.

- The Asian elephant exhibit and penguin area needs some touch-up work.

- The outdoor aviary has been closed for some time and the top of the structure has rusted. A new, lighter wire will be installed.

- Renovate the monkey island exhibit by removing the rock and the small building under the rock work and turning it into a new exhibit.

On recommendation of the Joint Zoo Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Sommer, seconded by Commissioner Eickman, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16668

RESOLVED, That this Commission grants conceptual approval of capital renovations for 1993-94 for the San Francisco Zoological Gardens.

8. **GOLDEN GATE PARK**
FINE ARTS MUSEUMS

Approval of shoring scheme to provide temporary seismic improvements to the de Young Museum.

Park Planner, Deborah Learner, explained that this item was presented at the Golden Gate Park Committee, and is an interim measure to provide seismic strengthening to the deYoung Museum. This project will require the placement of 14 buttresses extending from the building that will anchor roof bracing. Staff has toured the site with the Museum staff and identified mitigations. Of particular concern, is the area in front of the Museum where there is the main entrance walkway. The Museum will angle the buttresses in a way to provide disabled access. The buttresses project from the building approximately 30', are tied to a grade beam 4'x 4' and to piers approximately 4' in diameter that extend 15-45' deep in the ground. The buttresses are sizable and will visually impact the building. This is a interim measure that will be in place for several years. There is interest in placing a bond measure on the ballot to provide a longer term solution. This measure will offer safety for the Museum's collections and for its patrons. The roof is comprised of skylights and should a major seismic event take place the building could collapse.

In response to Commissioner Immendorf's question, Ms. Learner explained that in many locations there will be little impact because the buttresses go into a hard surface area. However, in a few locations there are trees and landscaping which will require restoration. A new landscaping scheme will be done immediately after construction and when the interim measure is no longer needed, the landscaping will be restored. In a few locations there are large Magnolia trees. Staff has asked the engineers specifically to veer away from destroying these trees since they are irreplaceable.

In response to Commissioner Sommer's question, Ms. Learner explained there will be signage explaining that the buttresses are a seismic safety measure.

Deborah Frieden, representing the Fine Arts Museums, explained that the base of the buttresses will be blocked off and perhaps painted. Signage will be posted explaining that the braces are in place as a seismic improvement. Ms. Frieden further explained that this project will be funded by the Corporation of the Fine Arts Museums. However, there is an agreement that if a bond measure passes in the future, the Corporation will be reimbursed for the seismic improvements.

In response to Commissioner Chan's question, Ms. Frieden explained that, at this time, the Museum will not close during the construction and has a window of opportunity in the Winter to perform the work.

On recommendation of the Golden Gate Park Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Ruiz, seconded by Commissioner Immendorf, the following resolution was adopted:

8. **GOLDEN GATE PARK**
FINE ARTS MUSEUMS (Continued)

RES. NO. 16669

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the shoring scheme to provide temporary seismic improvements to the de Young Museum and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the following conditions of approval are required:

1) Site restoration of construction impacts: includes pathway, irrigation line repair and other damages that may occur as a result of construction.

2) Replacement of plant material as identified below:

a. Loading dock: Strongly discourage tree removal or adjacent excavation. Magnolia trees in this location are non-replaceable due to size and vigor. Grade beams might be angled and/or placed on grade to avoid tree damage.

b. Garden pathway: Pittosporum nigricans - hedge shrubs would be displaced. Attempt to save by boxing. Replacement size not available from commercial nurseries.

c. Secondary entrance on Higiwara Tea Garden Drive: Replace shrubbery with 15 gallon size material.

d. Main entrance: Three of the buttresses will displace the pyrus kawakami - ornamental pear. These cannot be boxed, they must be replaced with 60-inch multi-trunk pyrus kawakami. Some adjustments might be made either to avoid hitting the tree or placing beam to a depth so that a new pear tree can be put in place.

Replace shrubbery with 15 gallon material at the fourth buttress.

3. The Museum should be responsible for removal of the grade beams and pilings to the extent that they will not conflict with future installation of plants or utilities.

9. **ALIOTO MINI PARK**
RENOVATION

Approval of the conceptual plan for Alioto Mini Park renovation.

Park Planner, Joanne Wilson, explained that this item was presented at the Parks and Planning Committee, and is a simple renovation plan. The park is divided into three areas: the children's play area, a grassy area and a community garden. Rather than relying on the Department of Public Works for assistance, staff chose to utilize the services of the San Francisco League of Urban Gardeners (SLUG) as the architect. SLUG then hired a community organization, called Pacha Mama, as a consultant to do community outreach. The community outreach was well received and 3 workshops were held. The renovation will be funded by th Open Space Program in the amount of $120,000.

9. **ALIOTO MINI PARK RENOVATION (Continued)**

Kim Baker, representing Pacha Mama, explained that the plan before the Commission was one truly developed by the community. Pacha Mama attempted to involve the community and generated unprecedented community support.

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Eickman, seconded by Commissioner Sommer, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16670

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the conceptual plan for Alioto Mini Park renovation.

10. **POLICY ON NAMING AND/OR CHANGING THE DESIGNATION OF FACILITIES AMENDMENT**

Consideration of an amendment to the Policy on Naming and/or Changing the Designation of Facilities.

President Orr explained that he proposed this amendment to bring the Naming and/or Changing of Facilities Policy in comformity with the Commission's Gift Policy. Currently, there is a five year waiting period to place a statue or plaque commemorating a deceased or important citizen of the community. However, to rename an entire park, there was no such waiting period. Since renaming of a facility was much more a significant issue, he felt that the same language should be part of the Naming and/or Changing The Designation of Facilities policy. President Orr read the amendment which states, "Except in an extraordinary case of overwhelming City-wide civic importance, the person so honored shall have been deceased for a minimum of five years." He further explained that if there is some City-wide or national tragedy the language provides an option for the Commission to consider it prior to the waiting period.

Commissioner Immendorf commented that if this language was in place Folsom Playground would not have been renamed Jose Coronado Playground. He felt that these issues should be viewed on a case-by-case basis and that the Commission had an obligation to consider each request.

Commissioner Chan felt that some sort of a waiting period was warranted because it would remove the emotional sensitivity that is associated with these issues. He further commented that the baseball and football Hall of Fame have a waiting period which ensures that the vision of the hero is constant.

Commissioner Immendorf felt that Commissioner Chan raised a valid point but was unsure of the length of the waiting period.

Commissioner Eickman said he has been a member of the Commission for many years and often the Commission has been pressured to rename parks and buildings. He said that sometimes there is not real merit for the name change and yet the proponents feel contrary. He felt that the waiting period would give the Commission some basis for making the judgment on the facts and was a sound idea.

10. POLICY ON NAMING AND/OR CHANGING THE DESIGNATION OF FACILITIES AMENDMENT (Continued)

President Orr said that Commissioner Immendorf raised some important considerations but without this language it encourages the public to put a lot of energy into these requests. If there is a strong sentiment after the waiting period it simply legitimizes the request.

Commissioner Ruiz concurred with the statement made by Commissioner Eickman and felt that it was important to have uniformity in the policies adopted by the Commission.

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Ruiz, seconded by Commissioner Eickman, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16671

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves an amendment to the Policy on Naming and/or Changing the Designation of Facilities.

2:55 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Commissioner Ruiz was absent from the meeting room.

11. ST. MARY'S SQUARE CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA IMPROVEMENTS

Approval of play area and Phase 1 park renovation improvements at St. Mary's Square.

Park Planner, Deborah Learner, explained that St. Mary's Square is on top of a garage and the existing portion of the park needs extensive renovation. Staff has negotiated with the Parking Authority to acquire the garage rooftop. Because the garage rooftop needs structural upgrade, staff is not going forward with these improvements at this time. However, staff has worked with the community and the State of California and received a state grant to make improvements to the plaza. The phase improvements must be made before June 30, 1995. The first Phase will upgrade the irrigation, correct the subsidence and drainage problems, modify the landscaping and install a new children play area in the sunniest portion of the park. There is a considerable amount of shading to the park from other buildings. The play area will have a rubber cushioned mat that is used to provide disabled access and new, colorful play equipment. It is hoped that a new children's play area will bring more users to the park.

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Eickman, seconded by Commissioner Sommer, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16672

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the play area and Phase 1 park renovation improvements at St. Mary's Square.

ACTION: Approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Eickman, Immendorf, Orr, Sommer
Absent:Commissioners Farrow, Ruiz

12. **COIT TOWER SUBLEASE**
BINOCULAR CONCESSION

Approval of Fred Lo's request to sublease the Binocular Concession to Tower Optical Company at Coit Tower.

Assistant General Manager for Administration, Phil Arnold, explained that Fred Lo, the concessionaire at Coit Tower, has a 5 year lease to operate Coit Tower, the gift shop, and has rights for special events. He would like to assign the binocular concession to Tower Optical Company. The company has concessions at Ocean Beach, Land's End, Golden Gate Bridge and Vista Point. Eight binoculars would be installed at Coit Tower. The concessionaire would receive 62% of the income from Tower Optical and the Department would receive 50% of the total income under the Department's concession agreement with Mr. Lo. The Department receives 50% of the gross receipts of the concessions.

On motion of Commissioner Immendorf, seconded by Commissioner Sommer, Commissioner Chan abstained from voting on this item due to a conflict of interest.

On recommendation of the Finance and Administration Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Immendorf, seconded by Commissioner Sommer, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16673

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves Fred Lo's request to sublease the Binocular Concession to Tower Optical Company at Coit Tower.

12a. **CHINATOWN PARK**
AWARD OF CONTRACT

Approval of award of contract to Cuevas-Mannion Construction Company and Myron Demolition and Excavation in the amount of $40,634, to demolish the Cathay Mortuary site for the new Chinatown Park.

Park Planner, Deborah Learner, explained that this item was calendared immediately before the Commission (rather than appearing before a Committee) because the Department has just received a bid to perform the demolition of the Cathay Mortuary site for the new Chinatown Park. This is an informal contract, under $50,000. The Department has considerable experience with Cuevas Mannion Construction which has proven to be a responsible contractor. However, the Department does not have direct experience with Myron Demolition and Excavation. She said demolition should take a few weeks and recommended approval.

On recommendation of the Finance and Administration Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Chan, seconded by Commissioner Ruiz, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16674

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the award of contract to Cuevas-Mannion Construction Company and Myron Demolition and Excavation in the amount of $40,634, to demolish the Cathay Mortuary site for the new Chinatown Park.

13. **TENDERLOIN CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND & RECREATION CENTER AWARD OF CONTRACT**

Approval of the award of contract for the construction of the Tenderloin Children's Playground and Recreation Center.

Assistant General Manager for Administration, Phil Arnold, explained that this item is a request to approve an award of contract. However, there is currently a dispute over which of the two contractors is the acceptable bidder. The low bid was submitted by Nibbi-Lowe, a contractor with which the Department has considerable experience. However, the Human Rights Commission and the City Attorney's Office are both asking the Commission to approve the award to either Nibbi-Lowe or the second lowest bidder, Trans World Construction, because it is not known which bidder meets the City's requirements and this action would not delay the project. He noted, however, that the Department has no experience with the second low bid.

Commissioner Immendorf was concerned about taking such action as the Commission was informed that the low bid was approximately $100,000 less than the second bid. He said that it is unclear why the Nibb-Lowe bid may be rejected and understood it may be because one of the joint venture firms did not have a contractor's license. Since the Commission was about to consider increasing a number of fees, he was not inclined to approve the second lowest bid when there was a $100,000 difference. He felt that this money could preserve children's programs.

Commissioner Ruiz concurred with the sentiments of Commissioner Immendorf and wanted to award the contract to Nibbi-Lowe.

General Manager, Mary E. Burns, suggested the Commission table the matter and calendar a special meeting to resolve this issue. She further explained that the Human Rights Commission must act on the matter before the Recreation and Park Commission can legally award the bid. Therefore, this matter was tabled.

13a. **RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT 1993-94 BUDGET**

Presentation on the Recreation and Park Department budget for FY 1993-94.

Assistant General Manager, for Administration, Phil Arnold, gave an overview of the proposed budget for 1993-94 for the Recreation and Park Department, explaining that there has been a $4.4 Million General Fund reduction in the Department from last year. However, the Golden Gate Park bonds totaling over $8 Million were calculated as part of the Department's operating budget for Fiscal Year 1993-1994, creating the illusion of an increase in the budget. In all previous budgets, these bond funds have been treated as capital budgets and were not calculated in the Department's operating budget. If the Golden Gate Park bond funds were separate, the Department's budget for 1993-94 will decrease by approximately $7 Million from the 1992-93 level.

13a. **RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT**
1993-94 BUDGET (Continued)

Mr. Arnold outlined the impact on the Department for the 1993-94 if the Mayor's budget is approved by the Board of Supervisors:

1) All staffed recreation facilities will be closed on Sundays and holidays. These closures will also include the pools.
2) Hamilton and North Beach pools will be closed. King Pool will operate only during the summer and Coffman Pool will operate only during the school year.
3) Herbicide and rodent control programs in the parks will be eliminated.
4) The Public Information Office will be eliminated.
5) Weekend custodial service in parks, playgrounds and public restrooms will be eliminated.
6) No new or replacement equipment will be purchased.
7) 32 filled positions will be eliminated and 42 additional part-time positions will have their hours reduced.
8) 31 vacant positions will be eliminated.
9) Funding for an additional 20 positions has been deleted which will force layoffs or early retirements during the coming year.

Mr. Arnold then outlined the positions which will be eliminated:

Administration:
- 1 - 1336 Assistant to General Manager, Public Service
- 1 - 1244 Senior Personnel Analyst
- 1 - 1824 Principal Administrative Analyst
- 1 - 1408 Principal Clerk
- 1 - 3306 Rides Attendant
- 1 - 6317 Asst. Industrial Hygienist
- 1 - 1632 Senior Account Clerk

Urban Forestry, Turf Management and Golden Gate Park:
- 1 - 3434 Tree Topper
- 1 - 3422 Park Section Supervisor
- 1 - 2708 Custodian
- 6 - 3417 Gardener
- 2 - 3424 Pest Control Specialist
- 1 - 6102 Rodent Control Technician

Neighborhood Parks:
- 1 - 3422 Park Section Supervisor
- 3 - 2708 Custodian

Candlestick Park:
- 4 - 8208 Park Patrol
- 2 - 7334 Stationary Engineer

Golf:
- 1 - 3417 Gardener
- 1 - 3424 Pest Control specialist

Structural Maintenance:
- 1 - Stationary Engineer

Recreation Division:
- 1 - 3292 Assistant Superintendent
- 1 - 3287 Assistant Supervisor
- 1 - 3289 Recreation Supervisor
- 1 - 3216 Assistant Aquatics Supervisor
- 1 - 3214 Senior Swim Instructor
- 3 - 3208 Lifeguard
- 2 - 3204 Pool Cashier
- 1 - 3202 Locker Room Attendant

13a. **RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT**
1993-94 BUDGET (Continued)

The reductions came from a smaller base this year because $8,500,000 is set aside for the Proposition J (Children's Budget) and the Department was asked not to reduce the $4,000,000 allocated for the Zoo. Therefore, the Department's remaining General Fund was reduced by 30%. If the Department did not have other funding sources such as the Open Space Fund to help support its operation, the effect would be devastating.

He further explained that there are a number of fee items before the Commission and that the reductions would have been substantially worse if not for the revenue package. The budget was balanced based on $650,000 in projected new revenues to be raised by this Department.

President Orr asked how many park section supervisors did the Department have in past years. Mr. Arnold explained that there were 4 in neighborhood parks and 9 in Golden Gate Park. For Fiscal Year 1993-94 there will be 5 in Golden Gate Park and 3 in neighborhood parks.

Commissioner Ruiz asked if any of the vacant recreation managerial positions could be transferred to the Children's budget or the Mayor's Office of Children, Youth and their Families. **Superintendent of Recreation, Joel Robinson,** explained that the Children's budget prohibits funding for administrative positions.

General Manager, Mary E. Burns, explained that the Department was specifically directed to delete the number of positions in the Department.

Commissioner Immendorf noted that it was his understanding that the recreation centers are least utilized on Sundays and holidays. However, deletion of weekend custodial services at parks and playgrounds concerned him. He hoped that staff would shift custodial services for the weekends.

Ms. Burns explained that **Superintendent of Parks, Ron deLeon,** is in the process of reorganizing custodial services but that overall there will be a reduction of custodial services in the Department.

14. **SWIMMING POOLS**
INCREASE IN CHILDRENS POOL FEES

Approval of increase in childrens swimming pool fees from 50¢ to $1.00, effective July 1, 1993.

Superintendent of Recreation, Joel Robinson, explained that this item is a proposal to increase the children swim fee from $.50 to $1.00 per child. The Department offered children swims for $.25 and raised it to $.50 a few years ago. He projected that the new fee would generate approximately $80,000. He further explained that in surveying other Bay Area recreation and park districts the average fee is $1.00. In light of the budget reductions facing the Department, he recommended approval of the fee increase.

Commissioner Sommer reiterated to the public that the Board of Supervisors will receive public comment on Saturday, June 26, 1993 at 11:00 a.m. on Recreation and Park budget reductions.

14. **SWIMMING POOLS**
INCREASE IN CHILDRENS POOL FEES (Continued)

Valerie Aiken, an employee at Hamilton Pool who lives in the Western Addition, explained that she appeared before the Finance and Administration Committee requesting that a scrip ticket be established for children on Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC). She explained that the Department offers adults a Medi-Cal scrip ticket and she felt it was warranted for children. She also commented that the Aquatics Division has received severe reductions in the past 4 years. She said the Department was converting 2 pools to seasonal operations that really do not generate much revenue and that both Hamilton and North Beach pools generate more revenues. She said that there needs to be community outreach for the City's pools. She thought that fees should be charged for use of Stern Grove.

General Manager, Mary E. Burns, explained that Ms. Aiken's proposal to establish a children's Medi-Cal scrip ticket was a good suggestion which staff is now reviewing.

On recommendation of the Finance and Administration Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Eickman, seconded by Commissioner Chan, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16675

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves an increase in childrens swimming pool fees from 50¢ to $1.00, effective July 1, 1993.

15. **FIELD RESERVATIONS**
FEE FOR YOUTH ATHLETIC LEAGUES

Approval of field reservations fee youth athletic leagues, effective July 1, 1993.

Superintendent of Recreation, Joel Robinson, explained that, philosophically, for many years, the Department has attempted to provide children services for little or no cost. Unfortunately, the Department can no longer continue to be so generous. There are many services offered for children at reasonable fees, such as the latchkey program and afterschool program. The Department strives to maintain basic services for children, particularly, in the summer and afterschool hours.

Staff is now proposing a new fee. In the past, the Department offered youth the use of Recreation and Park athletic fields free of charge. Any programs that enrolled children under the age of 18 were permitted to use the athletic fields free. Given the loss of maintenance staff, and although it was a very difficult fee to propose, he proposed establishing a $2.50 per team, per use charge for athletic fields. The projected revenue from this fee is $180,000. He noted that the members of the Finance and Administration Committee expressed some concern about this fee and directed staff to outline alternatives to this fee.

Assistant General Manager for Administration, Phil Arnold, explained that staff developed options to this fee increase. He outlined some of the options:

15. FIELD RESERVATIONS
FEE FOR YOUTH ATHLETIC LEAGUES (Continued)

1) Increase the reservation fee for adult teams by an additional $5.00. This fee increase would range to $18. to $45. This would raise approximately $200,000. The Department would be on the high range if those fees were imposed.

2) Expand the proposed paid parking program in the Music Concourse area of Golden Gate Park to weekdays. The estimated revenue would be $60,000.

3) Close the photo center. Estimated savings is $40,000. It is the only photo center in the City.

4) Further staff reductions such as elimination of a truck driver, laborer, recreation supervisor and property manager. Estimated savings would be $200,000.

Commissioner Eickman explained that the Finance and Administration Committee was concerned about the establishment of a fee for children. He felt the only option presented by staff that was to consider Option #1, the increase in adult athletic fees. However, he recognized that such action may result in the adults no longer using Department facilities. He thought it was important to not impose a children's fee.

Commissioner Immendorf concurred with the sentiments expressed by Commissioner Eickman and suggested that the music concourse proposal could also be adopted so that the adult fees would not be so dramatically increased.

In response to Commissioner Sommer's question, Mr. Robinson explained that staff estimates that there are a significant portion of adult users who are not residents of San Francisco. Staff's guestimate is that 40% are residents; 60% non-residents. By and large the majority of adult users are "pick-up teams", teams that get together and pay a fee to play.

Ms. Burns explained that the Commission would have to schedule a special commission meeting if they plan to increase adult fees and expand the paid parking program.

Leo Guillory, representing Police Athletics League (PAL) and San Francisco Youth Baseball (SFYB), urged the Commission to deny this proposal. He explained that SFYB has 177 baseball teams, 137 of which pay from $100 to $175 to participate in the program. There are some teams that do not have adequate resources and SFYB underwrites those costs. He explained that the season runs from April to June and would cost the league an additional $24,660 and approximately $180 per team. This fee would be prohibitive for some children and would keep deserving children from participating. Many coaches pay the fees and the additional surcharge would be too costly.

Glenn Corino, the athletic director at St. Brigid School, explained that his school does not have a strong baseball or soccer program and the kids want the opportunity to play the sport. if a fee was imposed for each and every practice it would not be worthwhile to have a soccer or baseball program. On behalf of St. Brigid, he opposed the proposed fee.

15. FIELD RESERVATIONS
FEE FOR YOUTH ATHLETIC LEAGUES (Continued)

Captain Michael Hebel, representing the Police Activities League (PAL), said the PAL organization that has been in existence for 31 years and has been able to serve 10,000 youth. The documentation presented by Mr. Guillory outlined the impact to PAL and the children. The estimated cost to PAL would be over $34,000 a year and their entire program budget of $105,000 for one year. PAL is faced with either absorbing the cost or imposing it on the children. He said some of the kids are impoverished and do not have the money to pay these fees. He urged the Commission to not impose fee.

Joe Mollo, Executive Director of PAL, said that this fee increase would severely impact his organization. He read that the San Francisco 49ers and the Raiders will play a benefit game with proceeds going to Santa Clara, East Palo Alto, Menlo Park. He said some of those monies should revert to San Francisco. He felt that alternative funding sources must be found instead of the proposed fee for youth.

LaNita Sanchez, a volunteer coach in the PAL organization, asked the Commission to realize that the volunteers perform the work of the Department and all Recreation and Park must do is provide the athletic fields. She said the Department does not maintain the fields and she might understand paying a fee if they were maintained. She felt it would be poor wisdom to charge kids because some children will be able to afford the fees and the disadvantaged will not be able to play.

Pat Cadam, a volunteer soccer coach, said if the Commission imposed a fee he would lose many children that he has worked with through the years.

Patrick Mulligan, representing Viking Soccer, explained that the fee will cost their organization $24,000. He further explained that the soccer leagues have paid their fees for the year and it would be unwise to impose a fee. He said that the condition of the fields are poor and that people might be willing to pay more of a fee if the revenue was used for maintenance. He thought it was unfair to use these revenues for the General Fund.

Inaki Alavarez, representing Mission Youth Soccer League, said he has 2000 kids enrolled in his league and that if this fee was imposed he would have to stop his program. He already uses much of his own money to supplement the league costs. He said that the Department has not maintained any of its soccer facilities.

Don Collins, representing Catholic Youth Organization (CYO), said his organization has over 100 baseball and soccer teams. Athletic fields are a limited resource and the CYO works with PAL. When there are multiple leagues there will be multiple fees for children. Children already pay for umpire and processing fees and pay similar fees for other athletic venues such as basketball. He urged the Commission to consider the financial burden of the fee. He was very opposed to the fee increase.

15. FIELD RESERVATIONS
FEE FOR YOUTH ATHLETIC LEAGUES (Continued)

Commissioner Ruiz was glad to hear from the active users. He said he works in the Mission District dealing with youth gang violence. He felt that it would be contradictory for the Commission to impose a fee for services that are constructive for children and help produce healthy minds and bodies. He recommended considering alternatives discussed and urged his fellow Commissioners to not approve this item.

President Orr explained that the Commission would have to give notice to the public of its intent to raise adult fees for athletic activities and could not increase them beyond what was advertised for the 6/17/93 meeting.

Mr. Arnold explained that the Mayor's Office requested that the Commission consider establishing a youth fee for athletic activities. This fee does not have to be approved by the Commission, however, the Mayor presumes that something equivalent to this dollar amount will be approved by the Commission.

President Orr explained to the speakers that the Commission does not decide what money the Department receives or where the monies raised from fees will be allocated. Unfortunately, recently fees have been raised for athletic field use, golf, etc., and yet the level of services have deteriorated. He expressed frustration but wanted the public to understand that the Commission did not have the power to allocate fees for maintenance of park property.

Ms. Burns further explained that Recreation and Park Department has reduced its work force by the largest percentage in comparison to any other City department. For the last two years, the Department has laid off 50% of the middle and upper level management in Administration, laid off 33% of middle and upper level management in the Park Division, and laid off 25% of middle and upper level management in the Recreation Division. The only section of the Department's budget which has not reduced its staff is the Zoo. She urged members of the public to inform the Board of Supervisors and Mayor that Recreation and Park Department is an important and vital service offered to the City. She, too, was frustrated that the Department could not afford to clean restrooms and maintain facilities.

On motion of Commissioner Eickman, seconded by Commissioner Immendorf, the Commission rejected the proposal to establish a fee for children for use of the Department's athletic fields and asked staff to consider increasing adult fees for athletic activities and expanding paid parking in the Music Concourse area.

Commissioner Eickman wanted the public to realize that the Department will be struggling to offer services next year. He thought the budget presentation clearly outlined the fact that there is insufficient staff to maintain the level of services expected by the public. He said the conditions of the fields will only deteriorate in the future with the deletion of staffing levels.

16. **FIELD RESERVATIONS**
ADULT ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES
FEE INCREASE

Approval of fee increase for adult athletic activities, effective 7/1/93.

Superintendent of Recreation, Joel Robinson, explained that this item is a request to increase adult fees for athletic activities. Last year, the Commission approved a fee increase for softball users but it did not include such sports as soccer, rugby, frisbee and baseball. This fee increase will generate approximately $100,000. Staff is proposing to double most of the fees for these sport activities. Based on the Commission's previous action, staff will develop another revision of the fees for consideration in the future.

On recommendation of the Finance and Administration Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Eickman, seconded by Commissioner Sommer, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16676

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves a fee increase for adult athletic activities, effective 7/1/93:

	Current	Approved
Single Use Reservations		
Lacrosse, soccer, frisbee, rugby, baseball		
Non-lighted Class A 1.5 Hrs	$12.00	$17.00
Non-lighted Class B 1.5 Hrs	10.00	15.00
Twilight Field		
Non-lighted Class A	12.00	17.00
Non-lighted Class B	10.00	15.00
Multi Use Reservations		
Lighted field 2 hrs	20.00	25.00
Non-lighted Class A 2 Hrs	14.00	19.00
Non-lighted Class B 2 Hrs	10.00	15.00
All Day Exclusive Use	30.00	35.00
Weekend evening 3 Hrs	25.00 +staff	30.00 +staff
Field Lining Fees		
Soccer/others	25.00	30.00
Schedule Fees		
League/Tournament over 25	.75	1.00
Other reservations 1 Hr. 4 winter months, lacrosse, rugby, soccer, frisbee practices		
Direct lighting/single	10.00	15.00
Direct lighting/multiple	15.00	20.00
Indirect lighting/single	8.00	13.00
Indirect lighting/multiple	10.00	15.00
Holiday reservations, games and tournaments, clinics and camps		100.00 per day 500.00 per week

17. **RECREATION DIVISION**
YOUTH SUMMER OUTINGS
PROPOSED FEE

Approval of the establishment of a fee for youth summer outings given by the Recreation and Park Department.

Superintendent of Recreation, Joel Robinson, explained that this item is a request to establish a new fee for youth summer outing programs offered by the Recreation and Park Department. For many years, the Department provided free, summer outings to such places at Great America, Santa Cruz, Blackberry Farm, Raging Waters, etc. Staff is proposing a tiered fee of $7 for all outings with an admission of $10 or more and $5 for all other outings. The summer outings require public transportation, cost approximately $585 per day and do not include the overtime expenses connected with these all-day events. The average transportation costs for one of these outings is almost $800. The Department spends $170,000 on these outings each summer. The Department expects to generate approximately $60,000 from this fee. He further explained that he contacted other cities in the Bay Area and throughout the country who were amazed that the City provides these outings free.

Commissioner Ruiz sympathized with the concerns raised by the General Manager, but he knew there were children who could not afford this fee and who have never been to these attractions. He asked why the Department has not pursued other alternatives rather than imposing this fee for children who cannot afford to pay.

Mr. Robinson said that needy children of the City are the primary clientele of the Department. Currently, staff collects $5 from the children and then returns the $5 to them when they reach their destination for spending money.

Commissioner Ruiz said he could not support this program because it was contrary to the mission of the Department.

Commissioner Eickman explained that he recommended approval of this item at the Committee level because it is a luxury and that the Department can no longer afford. He said that the charge still was cheaper than the cost of these attractions. If it is not approved, some other fee must be increased or further positions must be eliminated.

Commissioner Chan concurred with the statements made by Commissioner Eickman and did not know of another option.

Commissioner Ruiz said that a fee should be imposed on those that can afford it and those that cannot, should not be charged. He felt that a policy should be established for children that are economically disadvantaged.

Commissioner Sommer commented that children now pay $5 so that they will not have spending money at the attraction.

17. **RECREATION DIVISION**
YOUTH SUMMER OUTINGS
PROPOSED FEE (Continued)

President Or[illegible] rel[illegible]t to approve this fee but saw a distinction [illegible]s item bec[illegible]e the City is in such poor economic shape. He was concerned that if a fee was not imposed the entire program might be eliminated.

In response to Commissioner Immendorf's question, he suggested that the Board of Supervisors be advised that if there are any givebacks, it be targeted to this program.

On recommendation of the Finance and Administration Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Chan, seconded by Commissioner Sommer, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16677

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the establishment of a fee for youth summer outings given by the Recreation and Park Department.

ACTION: Approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Eickman, Orr, Sommer
Noes: Commissioners Immendorf, Ruiz
Absent: Commissioner Farrow

18. **GOLDEN GATE PARK**
SHARON ART STUDIO
FEE INCREASE

Approval of fee increase for the Sharon Art Studio, effective July 1, 1993.

Superintendent of Recreation, Joel Robinson, explained that at the direction of the Mayors' budget staff, the Department was asked to develop a proposal to make the Sharon Arts Studio 100% self supporting with no General Fund contribution. Staff developed a proposal that meets this requirement by:

(1) reducing staff hours for prep and open studios
(2) increasing the number of students per class
(3) eliminating the senior discount
(4) increasing class fee
(5) subsidization for materials & supplies by Friends of Sharon Arts and
(6) increasing the number of classes

In response to Commissioner Eickman's question, Mr. Robinson explained that a facility maintenance fee has been assessed totaling $25,000 but it does not include light, heat and power charges. This dollar amount is for landscaping, roof work, plumbing, etc., to maintain the building. There is also a $7,000 custodial service charge, and $2,000 repair charge.

In response to Commissioner Sommer's question, the Friends of Sharon Arts hope to be able to increase the size of classes but was unsure that it could meet this goal.

18. **GOLDEN GATE PARK**
SHARON ART STUDIO
FEE INCREASE (Continued)

Mr. Robinson further explained that the Friends of Sharon Arts have also submitted a proposal to the Children's Youth and Families Committee for additional funding.

Gail Ritchie, representing the Sharon Art Studio, said she has been with this arts program for 19 years. She worked with a group of dedicated professionals who have managed to overcome many challenges. She was grateful that they were able to continue, however, she was surprised that the Sharon Arts Studio was charged for janitorial services and building maintenance. She said in the last few years, the Studio has been striving to become self supporting. She questioned the $34,000 charge and said they are being placed in an impossible situation.

Kitty McInerney, explained that she has been a class instructor since 1976 and many years ago the crafts instructors began offering children's programs in addition to the adult classes. When the studio relocated from Fleischacker building to the Sharon Building staff realized that the building was ideal for more of these programs. A program was offered for middle aged school children. However, the staff was cautioned not to reduce the number of adult programs as this was the major source of revenue. She said they now offer a pilot arts enrichment program in collaboration with the School District. They have been encouraged to submit a proposal to the Mayor's Office of Children, Youth and their Families and Latchkey Program and the Delinquency Prevention Program. She has received assurance that they will receive funding from the Mayor's Office. She asked the Commission to support this venture.

Lynn Wood, representing the Sharon Arts Studio, spoke about the $34,000 assessment for facility maintenance, repairs and custodial services. She said that the Department initially assessed them $30,000 for custodial costs. The dollar figure was modified to $7000 but they were assessed $25,000 for facilities maintenance and $2000 for repairs. She said while the Studio has been working in good faith to maintain the program, she questioned the dollar figures presented by staff. She wanted to know if any other City recreational program is being asked to shoulder such a burden. She said the gardening costs would have to be performed regardless if the Sharon Arts Studio program continues. She wanted further information on the dollar figures assessed by the Department to the program.

Richard Leaf, an employee of the Recreation and Park Department, spoke of the cost recovery solutions presented. The proposed solutions were based on maintenance and other miscellaneous costs. He said these costs place a burden on the arts program. He wanted to know if other programs in the Department are being asked to generate equal sums to stay afloat. He said the Sharon Arts Studio staff is comprised of part-time employees and has been put in a position of taking a 30% reduction in hours.

President Orr noted that in previous years the Commission has been put in a position of having to consider closing the Sharon Arts Studio. This proposal offers them a chance to maintain the program.

18. **GOLDEN GATE PARK**
SHARON ART STUDIO
FEE INCREASE (Continued)

In response to Commissioner Sommer's question, Ms. Burns explained that the Mayor's Office informed the Department that it would not support any General Fund monies for the operation or maintenance of this program.

Mr. Robinson said the dollar figure represents the Department's best estimate and does not include light, heat and power costs to maintain the building. This figure includes custodial services and staff's estimate to maintain the building on a yearly basis. If the figure included light, heat and power costs the dollar figure would be dramatically higher as those costs would factor in the gas kiln.

Commissioner Immendorf asked why the Sharon Arts Studio was being asked to be self sustaining. Mr. Robinson explained it is a very specialized program and the Mayor's Office determined that this program is a luxury item. The Mayor's Office felt that it was inappropriate to give General Fund support to this program when the City was being forced to close health centers, police officers, etc. Mr. Robinson said that the $34,000 assessment was a low figure and that these monies could be used for other programs such as children outings.

Commissioner Sommer said that this may be a specialized program but every citizen is not a soccer player or swimmer. Mr. Robinson said the Department also offers an arts and crafts program at the Randall Museum and many of its recreation centers. There are opportunities for people to participate in similar arts and crafts programs.

Commissioner Eickman said the Mayor's Office informed the Department that it is not willing to subsidize this program. He said the $34,000 figure to maintain the building is a very low figure. He said it is going to be very difficult for the Sharon Arts Studio to meet the projected goals for next year.

Commissioner Immendorf said the answer is to have more funding from the Friends of Sharon Arts Studio and pledged to donate $1000 to the Sharon Arts Studio. Commissioner Immendorf also commented that his fellow commissioner, Santiago Ruiz was willing to pledge $1000 to offset the costs of the children's summer outings programs.

On recommendation of the Finance and Administration Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Ruiz, seconded by Commissioner Chan, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16678

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves a fee increase for the Sharon Art Studio, effective July 1, 1993.

19. **RECREATION DIVISION**
PAID ATHLETIC EVENTS
INCREASE IN PARTICIPANT FEE

Approval to increase the participant fee from $.50 to $1.00 for paid athletic events.

Superintendent of Recreation, Joel Robinson, explained that last year the Commission formalized the fee imposed on each participant for athletic events that charge an entry fee. For many, many years the Department has based its fee on $.50 per person. In an attempt to generate $100,000 in additional revenues staff proposes increasing that $.50 fee to $1.00. This fee would be imposed on such events as the Bay to Breakers, AIDS Walk, Human Race, San Francisco Marathon, SPCA Pet Walk, etc. In most cases, the athletic events that charge an entry fee will pass the cost on to the participants. However, the fund raising groups will want to use that extra $.50 to benefit the particular non-profit organization.

Cynthia Myers, representing the San Francisco Bay to Breakers, explained that their event pays $30,000 in fees to the Department. The Examiner Charities is a non-profit organization raising money for Bay Area charities. The Bay to Breakers event is labor intensive and cost intensive. They pay more than $100,000 in permit fees to the City to stage the Bay to Breakers race. She suggested that this item be referred back to staff for further analysis and that staff meet with the affected organizations. She said this fee would force them to consider re-routing the race outside of Golden Gate Park.

Aileen Kilgariff, representing American Heart Association, said that they stage the "May Day Run" and they are questioning whether it is worth continuing this event. She said doubling the fee is forcing them to reconsider re-routing the race even though they enjoy the park very much. She asked that the Commission reconsider this fee for non-profit organizations.

Stephanie Hussey, representing Rhody Co Productions, said they stage a number of events and this fee would increase their fees from $1000 to $5000. Corporate sponsors have declined in recent years and the participant's fees have become more important. She understand that revenues are needed but suggested a lesser increase.

Emile Lacampagne, President of the Le Tour de sanFRANCEcisco Bicycle Event, a non-profit organization that produces a bicycle event each year. He said they use a very small portion of Golden Gate Park. He asked the Commission to waive the fees last year. He said that even though there is a 100% increase he will not raise the entry fee for his event. He felt that he pays a fair share to City agencies. He thought this proposal was ill conceived. He said his participants are opposed to this fee assessment and that he is not able to accommodate this request.

Kees Tuinzing, manager of The Schedule, a newsletter that lists of all of these athletic events throughout the year, asked if the fee would give the event organizers any more services. He wondered if the fee was just a way to get revenue. He suggested that the Commission consider a flat fee versus a participant fee.

19. **RECREATION DIVISION**
PAID ATHLETIC EVENTS
INCREASE IN PARTICIPANT FEE (Continued)

Pete King, representing Lifespan and the United Way, commended the work that is being done by the Commission and Department but felt this fee standardized all events. He said that some events use different areas of the facilities. He said that his event uses a portion of Justin Herman Plaza. The course ends near the Plaza and the participants walk across the park land. He said that they plan to use the street rather than parkland. He suggested that a public/private partnership be explored and that organizations should be promoting the park. He said the fee is not an effective exchange of what they are trying to do, that is, raise money for AIDS, the homeless, etc.

Danielle Wade, Event Coordinator for the Society for the Prevention for Cruelty to the Animals (SPCA), explains that she administers the annual pet walk in Golden Gate Park. She said that those who contribute to this event expect the SPCA to use the entry fee for the cause rather than to pay fees to the Department. She said they are considering cancelling their event because the fees are so high. She requested that the fees not be raised.

President Orr said that Recreation and Park has a responsibility to provide parks and and recreational activities for all San Franciscans in extremely difficult budgetary times. The parks provide a magnificent setting for these type of events. The revenue goes to the Department to help maintain its parks. He would not be happy to see organizations hold their events at other locations and while he sympathized with the organizations there are tremendous costs associated with the staging the events.

Commissioner Chan said a fee is a tax and that everyone pays a number of taxes that they do not necessarily receive a direct benefit. For example, property taxes support the School District but there are people who do not have children. He questioned where the revenue would come from if the fee was not approved.

Commissioner Eickman said that since the passage of Proposition 13 when the City lost its ability to tax people to offer services, the Department has been raising fees to sustain services. Most of the participants who partake in these events are able to pay $1. He said that some of the citizens will be pleased to not have these events staged in the park because they find them an intrusion on the park.

On recommendation of the Finance and Administration Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Eickman, seconded by Commissioner Chan, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16679

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves an increase in the participant fee from $.50 to $1.00 for paid athletic events.

20. **GOLDEN GATE PARK**
MUSIC CONCOURSE
PAID PARKING

Approval of paid parking at the Music Concourse in Golden Gate Park.

Assistant General Manager for Administration, Phil Arnold, explained that this item is a proposal to charge for parking in the Music Concourse on weekends and holidays. There will be 2 entry points, one on Kennedy Drive and one on Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive. There are approximately 200 parking spaces. Staff has spoken to the Parking and Traffic Department who will stripe the entrance at King Drive to create a stacking, left turn lane. It will cost $3 to park and will be a one-time charge. The traffic surveys found that the turnover is 2-3 times a day. The projected net revenue to the Department is $100,000. Staff has spoken to representatives of the Museums and the Academy of Sciences who have some reservations about this proposal.

John McKosker, representing the Academy of Sciences, said that he felt this parking proposal was appropriate. He encouraged the Department to work closely with the institutions in the park and cautiously supported elements of the proposal. He said the details have not been resolved and that he was concerned about access to the institutions and mitigating issues that could be developed.

Robert Hansen, representing the Golden Gate Park Band, said he has spoken to many staff members and that nobody was able to answer the questions he raised. He said they have volunteers and employees that need access to the Music Concourse area. He felt that these issues should be addressed before implementing the parking plan. He further explained that he has been a Department employee since 1946 and has observed that more people use vehicles on weekdays in the concourse.

Harry Parker, representing the Fine Arts Museums, said that the closing of the concourse on Sundays does hurt museum attendance. He said the Fine Arts Museum is the only museum in the country that has less attendance on Sundays than on Saturdays. He said his patrons will be the largest user of the parking lot. He supported the proposal on the basis that it would meet the demand for needed parking close to the Museums. However, he wanted access to the Museums' front door for disabled and elderly persons.

Ms. Burns said that she spoke to a representative from the Parking and Traffic Department and it was agreed that some sort of arrangement will have to be developed to address this issue.

Park Planner, Deborah Learner, said that many discussions have taken place about providing access to the institutions but when this parking program is in effect it will preclude south/north access through the concourse (Academy Drive).

In response to Commissioner Sommer's question regarding parking meters, Ms. Burns said that parking meters are not aesthetically acceptable but that the Department is considering boxes and soliciting proposals for their operation and maintenance.

20. **GOLDEN GATE PARK**
MUSIC CONCOURSE
PAID PARKING (Continued)

Mr. Parker further said that he was unsure that the paid parking during the weekdays would be lucrative.

A discussion ensued regarding access to the front door of the institutions in the park. It was agreed that the Department should engage in discussions with the institutions to resolve this issue.

On recommendation of the Finance and Administration Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Eickman, seconded by Commissioner Immendorf, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16680

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the paid parking program at the Music Concourse in Golden Gate Park.

21. **GOLF COURSES**
MEMORIAL BENCH POLICY

Approval of policy for memorial benches on golf courses.

Note: This item was removed from the Calendar.

22. **SETTLEMENT OF CLAIM**

On recommendation of the Finance and Administration Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Eickman, seconded by Commissioner Chan, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16681

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the proposed settlement of claim of Billie Zinser v. City and County of San Francisco, Superior Court #942-479, in the amount of $87,500.00.

23. **ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS**

On motion of Commissioner Eickman, seconded by Commissioner Immendorf, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16682

RESOLVED, That this Commission accepts the following gifts valued at $35,664.98, for the Recreation and Park Department:

a. From the Strybing Arboretum Society, the following miscellaneous gifts valued at $4,039.98, for the Strybing Arboretum and Botanical Gardens:

Garden Interns.....$	831.15	Plants & Seeds.....	866.34
Plant Labeling.....	891.63	Materials & Supplies.	962.86
Garden Signs.....	488.00		

23. **ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS** (Continued) RES. NO. 16682 (Continued)

b. From Northern California Grant Makers, $26,625.00 for Recreation and Park Department summer programs.

c. From San Francisco Garden Club, through Friends of Recreation and Parks, $5,000.00 for the Conservatory of Flowers fund.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That letters of thanks shall be sent to the donors.

24. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

At this time members of the public may address the Commission on items that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Recreation and Park Commission. Members of the public may address the Commission for up to three minutes. The President or the Commission may limit the total testimony to 30 minutes.

Note: No public comment was received.

25. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

ACTION: The President did not submit a report.

26. **COMMISSION COMMITTEE REPORTS**

The following Commission Committee reports were submitted for the record:

Joint Zoo Committee Meeting of May 5, 1993
Parks and Planning Committee Meeting of June 1, 1993
Finance and Administration Committee Meeting of June 3, 1993
Golden Gate Park Committee Meeting of June 7, 1993
Recreation Program Committee Meeting of June 9, 1993

27. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the 683rd Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shauna Marie Rose
Commission Secretary

San Francisco, California
July 15, 1993

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684TH REGULAR MEETING

THURSDAY, JULY 15, 1993 - 2:00 P.M.

The Six Hundred and Eighty-Fourth Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Thursday, July 15, 1993, at 2:00 p.m. by President Trent W. Orr.

1. **ROLL CALL**

Present:
Commissioner Trent W. Orr, President
Commissioner Jack Immendorf, Vice President
Commissioner Sidney Chan
Commissioner Keith Eickman
Commissioner Sue Sommer

Absent:
Commissioner Bella Farrow
Commissioner Santiago Ruiz

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On motion of Commissioner Eickman, seconded by Commissioner Chan, the minutes of the Special Meeting with City Planning Commission of June 10, 1993, were approved as presented.

On motion of Commissioner Sommer, seconded by Commissioner Immendorf, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 17, 1993, were approved as presented.

3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

General Manager, Mary E. Burns, submitted the following report:

"BUDGET UPDATE

The 1993-94 budget will be considered by the Board of Supervisors on July 19, 1993. The budget does not make any significant changes from the Mayor's proposed budget for the Recreation and Park Department. General Fund support is still reduced by approximately $4.2 million from the 1992-93 level. However, based on comments by the Budget Committee, the aquatics program schedule has been revised to maintain all of the City pools on a reduced schedule rather than close two pools as had been originally proposed. Most staffed facilities will still be closed on Sundays and holidays. In addition, funding for the Zoo is approximately $450,000 below the $4 million commitment made to the Zoological Society to assume management of the Zoo. The Mayor's budget staff has committed to recommending an additional $200,000 for the Zoo as part of a budget restoration package for the first six months of the fiscal year.

SEIU LABOR AWARD

The SEIU Labor Award, which was made in May, was appealed to the Board of Supervisors by the Mayor but was not overturned. The award is now being challenged in the courts by the Mayor and the Civil Service Commission. It is expected that a legal decision will not be made for several months, and it is likely that the decision, once made, will be appealed by the losing party. In the meantime, we have been advised by the City Attorney's Office to follow the terms and conditions of employment that were in effect prior to the award.

CATHAY MORTUARY DEMOLITION

The demolition contract for the Cathay Mortuary building was protested, so the contract has been advertised again. Bids will be due July 23. Approval of award of the demolition contract will be scheduled before the Commission as quickly as possible.

OPEN SPACE

The Health, Public Safety and Environment Committee of the Board of Supervisors is considering a resolution urging the acquisition of School District property adjacent to Brooks Park for public open space. The School District is requesting additional time to consider proposals for this property and other School District properties. The Health and Public Safety Committee continued this resolution because of other business.

Yesterday, the Budget Committee of the Board unanimously approved acquisition of Parcel 4 at Ocean Beach. The matter will be before the full Board on Monday where it is expected to pass. The sale includes $1.5 million in funds from Open Space and $1.5 million in Clean Water funds for acquisition. Development and maintenance funds will come from Golden Gate National Recreation Area.

3. **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)**

DOLORES PARK SOCCER FIELD

The Board of Supervisors has approved the 1993-94 Open Space Program including the project to develop a soccer field at Dolores Park. Several members of the Board expressed concern that such a field might be disruptive to the current uses of Dolores Park. Staff from the Recreation and Park Department reiterated the staff position that any field should not displace other uses of Dolores Park, including passive recreation and special events (such as performances by theater and circus companies and the staging of parades and public assemblies). Staff further stated to the Board of Supervisors that the proposed soccer field would not include lighting, fencing, retaining walls or bleachers and would not require any major changes in the existing topography of the park. Joint use of the site would be assured through scheduling and the issuing of permits. The final plan for the proposed soccer field will be brought to the Recreation and Park Commission for approval after the design has been completed and public hearings have been held on the design. The Board has directed that the final plans be sent to Supervisor Shelley for his comments.

CANDLESTICK PARK FLEA MARKET

The first of a proposed series of flea markets was held in the Candlestick Park parking lot on Saturday and Sunday, June 19 and 20. The event was well organized and attendance was more than satisfactory for a new activity. There were no complaints registered from the immediate neighborhoods or otherwise. However, almost no revenue was generated from parking. If this is not reversed, the events may not be financially workable and may not be able to continue. The next event is for the July 31-August 1 weekend.

STRYBING ARBORETUM

Strybing Arboretum Society's Fifth Annual Children's Program is underway. This year, approximately 900 children from 32 childcare and recreation centers will participate. Two senior and two junior counselors will lead the children in various activities from working in the children's garden to leaf printing.

WORKREATION CAREER DAY

On July 13, the Workreation Program sponsored a Career Day at St. Mary's Recreation Center for youth in the Workreation Program. Sixty youth attended the workshop and had the opportunity to hear 16 speakers share their experiences and explain the educational requirements for their professions. Some of the speakers were employees of the Recreation and Park Department--the Zoo veterinarian, a Recreation supervisor, an administrative analyst, a carpenter and an electrician. Other speakers included a nurse, a pediatrician, a marine biologist, a teacher, a fire fighter and an architect. Evaluations submitted by the youth indicate that the workshop was meaningful and fun for the majority of them. The supervisor of the Workreation Program believes Career Day deserves to be an annual tradition.

3. **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)**

ACADEMY OF SCIENCES SUMMER CAMP PROGRAM

The Recreation Division has recently been able to establish a new summer camp program for children 6 to 12 years of age in conjunction with the California Academy of Sciences. Each week a group of 30 children from one of our Recreation centers or playgrounds will be transported to the Academy of Sciences for an afternoon of educational presentations, hands-on activities and behind the scenes experiences. Recreation staff is very excited about this new program and hopes that it will be repeated next summer and possibly expanded to vacation breaks during the school year.

ZOO NEWS

Siberian Tigers: The San Francisco Zoo received two Siberian Tigers from Reid Park Zoo in Tucson, Arizona. The tigers, a male and a female, are siblings and are young cats being held at the Zoo until the Species Survival Program recommends breeding and placement.

Aviary: The indoor aviary at the Zoo has been repainted inside and the birds have been put back. Fans have been installed to assist with odor reduction.

Bison: A male calf was born to the Golden Gate Park bison herd which was handreared. This calf, along with three others, was shipped to Angels Camp, leaving one male and twelve females in the Golden Gate herd.

Conservation Day: Conservation Day was held at the Zoo on June 13. Over 12 local and national conservation organizations participated with the Zoo by setting up educational displays. The Zoo had interactive games and participatory activities which promoted conservation education and awareness.

USDA Inspections: The second of the semi-annual inspections occurred in early June. The Zoo has been able to address most of the non-compliance issues with the assistance of Yard staff in correcting these matters, particularly those in the Bison Exhibit in Golden Gate Park.

Night Tour 93: This members only event will be held July 15, 16 and 23. Night tour features behind the scenes' tours, fabulous food and terrific entertainment. Members' can feed a giraffe, black rhino or elephant as well as have any of their "burning" questions answered, such as, "What happens when a gorilla gets a toothache?"

SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS

The following claims, under $5,000, were settled by the City Attorney's Office during the month of June 1993:

Chen, Gail.....	$ 346.82	Rogoff, Rebecca.....	$ 255.26
Torres, Nicholas....	3,000.00	Phelan, Michael.....	3,055.60
Yi, Kil Woong.....	204.07	Lau, Ying Chang.....	5,000.00
Gaddy, Peter.....	196.80		

3. **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT** (Continued)

DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday, July 15, 1993	"Night Tour 93"; 5:30-9:00 p.m.; San Francisco Zoo
Friday, July 16, 1993	"Night Tour 93"; 5:30-9:00 p.m.; San Francisco Zoo
Saturday, July 17, 1993	Young People's Teen Musical Theatre: Westside Story; 1:00 p.m.; Liberty Tree Meadow, Golden Gate Park
Sunday, July 18, 1993	Young People's Teen Musical Theatre: Westside Story; 1:00 p.m.; Liberty Tree Meadow, Golden Gate Park (final show)
Friday, July 23, 1993	"Night Tour 93"; 5:30-9:00 p.m.; San Francisco Zoo
Monday, August 2, 1993	Golden Gate Park Committee Meeting; 4:00 p.m.; McLaren Lodge
Tuesday, August 3, 1993	Parks and Planning Committee Meeting; 4:00 p.m.; McLaren Lodge
Wednesday, August 4, 1993	Joint Zoo Committee Meeting; 4:30 p.m. tour, 5:00 p.m. meeting; Education Classroom, San Francisco Zoo
Thursday, August 5, 1993	Finance and Administration Committee Meeting; 4:00 p.m.; McLaren Lodge"

4. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

All matters listed hereunder constitute a Consent Calendar, are considered to be routine by the Recreation and Park Commission and will be acted upon by a single roll call vote of the Commission. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member so requests, in which event the matter shall be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered as a separate item.

On motion of Commissioner Chan, seconded by Commissioner Sommer, ratification of the following resolutions, which are processed under Resolution No. 13572:

a. **PERSONNEL MATTERS** **RES. NO. 16683**

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies the actions taken by the General Manager regarding personnel matters during the period June 3, 1993 through July 1, 1993.

4. **CONSENT CALENDAR (Continued)**

b. **GOLDEN GATE PARK** — **RES. NO. 16684**
STRYBING ARBORETUM AND BOTANICAL GARDENS
PRIMITIVE PLANT GARDEN

RESOLVED, That this Commission conceptually approves the primitive plant garden for the Strybing Arboretum and Botanical Gardens.

c. **RESPIRATORY PROTECTION PROGRAM** — **RES. NO. 16685**
ADOPTION OF PROGRAM

RESOLVED, That this Commission adopts the Respiratory Protection Program for the Recreation and Park Department.

d. **RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT** — **RES. NO. 16686**
RESOLUTION OF APPROVAL FOR DEPARTMENTAL RADIO SYSTEM

RESOLVED, That this Commission adopts the resolution for approval of a departmental radio system.

e. **RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT** — **RES. NO. 16687**
ATTENDANCE POLICY

RESOLVED, That this Commission adopts the Department's Attendance Policy.

f. **COIT TOWER** — **RES. NO. 16688**
EXTENSION OF CLOSING TIME

RESOLVED, That this Commission grants approval to extend closing time at Coit Tower during Daylight Savings Time.

g. **UNION SQUARE GARAGE** — **RES. NO. 16689**
APPROVAL OF REVOCABLE PERMIT WITH UNITED PARCEL SERVICE

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the revocable of permit with United Parcel Service to place a drop box within Union Square Garage.

h. **ST. BONIFACE NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER** — **RES. NO. 16690**
EXTENSION OF LEASE

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves an extension to the St. Boniface Neighborhood Center lease with the Recreation and Park Department.

i. **GOLDEN GATE PARK** — **RES. NO. 16691**
CULTURE PASS

RESOLVED, That this Commission grants approval to continue through FY 1993-94 collaboration with Fine Arts Museums, California Academy of Sciences, and San Francisco Convention and Visitors' Bureau to promote and sell the Golden Gate Park Culture Pass.

4. **CONSENT CALENDAR** (Continued)

j. **RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT** — RES. NO. 16692
CLAIMS PROCEDURES

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the Recreation and Park Department's Claims Procedures.

k. **WASHINGTON & HYDE MINI PARK** — RES. NO. 16693
AWARD OF CONTRACT

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the award of contract in the amount of $599,300, to Angotti and Reilly, Inc., for the construction of the Washington & Hyde Mini Park.

l. **PALACE OF FINE ARTS** — RES. NO. 16694
AWARD OF CONTRACT

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the award of contract in the amount of $597,600, to Gomez-Chapot, for the seismic upgrade of the Palace of Fine Arts.

GENERAL CALENDAR

5. **SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS**
ANIMAL TRANSACTIONS

Zoo Director, David Anderson, explained the animal transactions: the male zebra was sold as the Zoo is no longer breeding this animal, the female kookaburra was sold to Lee Richardson Zoo for its breeding program, the kangaroos were sold to Northland Wildlife, and the Siberian Tiger was acquired for the Zoo.

In response to Commissioner Eickman's question, Mr. Anderson explained that the kangaroos were sold to keep the population down. The Zoo now has 12 kangaroos in its collection.

On motion of Commissioner Eickman, seconded by Commissioner Sommer, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16695

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies the following animal transactions (processed under Resolution No. 13572) for the San Francisco Zoological Gardens:

SOLD TO: Mickey Ollson
Wildlife World Zoo
16501 West Northern Avenue
Litchfield Park, Arizona 85340
USDA #86-C-022

One (1) male zebra valued at $700.00

5. **SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS**
ANIMAL TRANSACTIONS

RES. NO. 16695
(Continued)

SOLD TO: Lee Richardson Zoo
P. O. Box 499
Garden City, Kansas 67846
USDA #48-C-006

One (1) Female Kookaburra, valued at $150.00

SOLD TO: Northland Wildlife
2601 E. Highway 161
Grand Rapids, MN 55709
USDA #41-B-101

One (1) Male and three (3) Female Gray Kangaroos, valued at $5,000 for the group

ANIMAL LOAN FROM: Reid Park Zoo
1100 South Randolph Way
Tuscon, Arizona
USDA #86-C-002

One male (1) and one (1) Female Siberian Tiger

6. **TWENTY-SIXTH STREET**
REOPENING OF PLAY AREA

Approval of rededicating 26th Street between Harrison Street and Treat Avenue as a public street.

General Manager, Mary E. Burns, explained that this item that has been a subject of great controversy over the last few years. In the 1960s the Board of Supervisors approved closure of 26th Street between Harrison and Treat and directed it be developed as a recreational area, adjacent to Garfield Park. There is a basketball court on this site. Ms. Burns further explained that this area has been in a difficult situation for a number of years. In the last two years, the Board of Supervisors has debated whether or not this street should remain closed. Most recently, the Board of Supervisors passed a resolution asking the various City agencies involved to respond to the proposal to re-dedicate the street. Ms. Burns described an incident where a truck driver was removed from the cab of his truck and injured. The Police Department has made numerous arrests for drug dealing and other illegal activities in this location and they strongly recommend that the street be re-opened.

Staff recommended that the Board of Supervisors' wishes be honored. Ms. Burns was concerned that a play area was recently designed with the thought that the street would remain closed. Therefore, if the street is opened, she felt that a low-cost fence should be placed at the play area to define it. The Housing Authority is redesigning the dwellings in this area and propose to tear down the high rise structures and replace them with townhouses similar to what has been done in the Western Addition. This redesign would change the number of people residing in this area and the street pattern.

6. **TWENTY-SIXTH STREET**
REOPENING OF PLAY AREA (Continued)

Ms. Burns further explained that this issue is not without controversy. The Housing Authority tenants have said to the various agencies that they would like to see the street remain closed. A number of neighbors spoke in support of reopening the street at the Committee level.

Commissioner Sommer said that the Department spends so much time developing play areas for children, yet given the overwhelming evidence against it, she felt the street should be reopened.

Ms. Burns said that generally speaking the basketball courts are used by teenagers and adults. She said there is a fencing plan for the play area.

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Eickman, seconded by Commissioner Immendorf, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16696

RESOLVED, That this Commission grants approval to rededicate 26th Street between Harrison Street and Treat Avenue as a public street.

7. **GOLDEN GATE PARK**
SHARON MEADOW
NINTH ANNUAL A LA CARTE A LA PARK
MULTIPLE DAY EVENT

Request for approval of a multiple day event at Sharon Meadow in Golden Gate Park over Labor Day weekend on Saturday, September 4, Sunday, September 5, and Monday, September 6, 1993, from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. each day for the Ninth Annual A la Carte, A la Park event.

Superintendent of Recreation, Joel Robinson, explained that this item is a request for approval of a multiple day event on the Labor Day weekend. Mr. Robinson said that staff is working with the permittee to lessen the damage to the Sharon Meadow turf. He outlined some of the mitigations under consideration. The permittee will be required to hire Department of Parking and Traffic control officers to ticket vehicles. Staff will continue to work with Park Division in an effort to protect the meadow.

Commissioner Eickman explained that the promoter shall be held responsible to see that the restaurant vendors do not pour leftovers in the sewer or water from the steam tables onto the meadow. The permit details these requirements to protect the park.

On recommendation of the Golden Gate Park Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Sommer, seconded by Commissioner Immendorf, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16697

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the request for a multiple day event at Sharon Meadow in Golden Gate Park over Labor Day weekend on Saturday, September 4, Sunday, September 5, and Monday, September 6, 1993, from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. each day for the Ninth Annual A la Carte, A la Park event.

8. **GOLDEN GATE PARK**
LIBERTY TREE MEADOW
SAN FRANCISCO SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL
MULTIPLE DAY EVENTS

Request for approval of multiple day events on Saturday, Sunday and Monday, September 4, 5 and 6, and Saturdays and Sundays, September 11 and 12, 18 and 19, 25 and 26 and October 2 and 3, 1993 for Free Shakespeare in the Park.

Superintendent of Recreation, Joel Robinson, explained this item is a request from the San Francisco Shakespeare Festival to offer free performances in Golden Gate Park. Last year, staff developed an in-kind service with the promoter, Bobby Winston, who assisted the Department's Young People Music Theatre production. This year, Mr. Winston has offered to pay 50% of his fee and will continue to provide assistance to the Young People Music Theatre Company. Mr. Winston is proposing to take 20-30 disadvantaged children to a theatre camp at the University of San Francisco. Mr. Robinson recommended approval of this permit request.

On recommendation of the Golden Gate Park Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Chan, seconded by Commissioner Sommer, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16698

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the request for a multiple day events on Saturday, Sunday and Monday, September 4, 5 and 6, and Saturdays and Sundays, September 11 and 12, 18 and 19, 25 and 26 and October 2 and 3, 1993 for Free Shakespeare in the Park.

9. **CIVIC CENTER PLAZA**
SAN FRANCISCO FAIR
MULTIPLE DAY EVENT

Consideration of a request for a multiple day event on Saturday, Sunday and Monday, September 4, 5 and 6, 1993, at Civic Center Plaza.

Superintendent of Recreation, Joel Robinson, explained this request was reviewed by the Finance and Administration Committee where there was discussion about the fee. The Committee recommended approval of the event with the understanding that the Department will receive 50% of the receipts from the Fair's wine auction. Last year the Department received $1,300 from the wine auction. Staff expected that the Department's share of this year's wine auction proceeds will be approximately $10,000. Staff recommended approval of the fee. The Fair will also give a number of free tickets for youth and senior citizens and a booth at the Fair.

Mr. Robinson said a booth at the Fair is a very good avenue for the Department to disseminate information about Recreation and Park programs and activities, particularly with the recent elimination of the Public Information Office.

In response to Commissioner Chan's question about the permit fee for non-profit organizations (which requires them to pay a permit fee equal to 25% of the gross receipts), Mr. Robinson said depending on the actual attendance figures, the permit fee should be approximately $25,000.

9. **CIVIC CENTER PLAZA**
SAN FRANCISCO FAIR
MULTIPLE DAY EVENT (Continued)

On recommendation of the Finance and Administration Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Eickman, seconded by Commissioner Sommer, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16699

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves a multiple day event on Saturday, Sunday and Monday, September 4, 5 and 6, 1993, at Civic Center Plaza and a permit fee as follows:.

°50% of the proceeds from the San Francisco Fair Wine Auction
°1800 Free Admission Tickets for the San Francisco Fair
°A booth at the San Francisco Fair

10. **LAKE MERCED BOATHOUSE RESTAURANT**
GARBAGE ENCLOSURE/RENT CREDIT

Approval of placement of a garbage enclosure adjacent to the Lake Merced Boathouse Restaurant and consideration of a rent credit.

Assistant General Manager for Administration, Phil Arnold, explained that a fairly modest garbage enclosure was constructed out of wood and placed adjacent to the Boathouse restaurant. The concessionaire had received citations from the Department of Public Health. Since staff has not received any justification for the rent credit request, he did not recommend approval of it.

President Orr said the problem was that household garbage and furniture was being dumped at the Boathouse and the concessionaire was cited for his failure to have the garbage area properly enclosed.

Mr. Arnold explained that the concessionaire had ample opportunity to present justification for a rent credit and that staff contacted him the morning of 7/15/93 advising him that he had not submitted anything.

On recommendation of the Finance and Administration Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Eickman, seconded by Commissioner Chan, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16700

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the placement of a garbage enclosure adjacent to the Lake Merced Boathouse Restaurant, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That this Commission denies the request for a rent credit.

11. **TENDERLOIN CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND AND RECREATION CENTER**
AWARD OF CONTRACT

Approval of the award of contract for the construction of the Tenderloin Children's Playground and Recreation Center.

11. **TENDERLOIN CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND AND RECREATION CENTER AWARD OF CONTRACT (Continued)**

Assistant General Manager for Administration, Phil Arnold, explained that this item was before the Commission once before. At that time the Human Rights Commission registered an exception to the low bidder, Nibbi-Lowe and asked the Commission to consider taking no action or recommending either of the two low bids. The Commission was reluctant to do that because the second bid was $136,000 higher. The Department of Public Works and the Human Rights Commission have now resolved their issue and finds Nibbi-Lowe, the low bidder, acceptable to them. The Department has worked with Nibbi-Lowe in the past and recommend approval of the contract.

On motion of Commissioner Immendorf, seconded by Commissioner Sommer, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16701

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the award of contract to Nibbi-Lowe, in the amount of $2,731,080, for the construction of the Tenderloin Children's Playground and Recreation Center.

12. **HAIGHT-ASHBURY NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL REVOCABLE PERMIT**

Approval of a month-to-month revocable permit for Haight Ashbury Neighborhood Council to continue its recycling operation at Kezar.

Assistant General Manager for Administration, Phil Arnold, explained that the Haight Ashbury Neighborhood Council (HANC) operates a recycling center under a 3 year agreement which expired at the end of June. Staff has met with HANC on several occasions to discuss an extension of the permit or to change their status in the park. Staff's objective is to reduce the amount of commercial and downtown recycling done at the site and to increase their recycling involvement with the Department in the form of clean-ups in Golden Gate Park, expanding the recycling efforts in the park and possibly becoming a volunteer information center for the park. HANC is receptive to those ideas. They do however, want to continue a recycling operation at the site which would include neighborhood recycling and neighborhood merchant recycling.

In addition, the Master Plan for Golden Gate Park is now being developed and the appropriate use of the recycling center site is under consideration. Pending completion of these discussions, staff recommended granting a month-to-month permit to HANC. Mr. Arnold said several letters were submitted from people opposed to the center on park land although there are lots of people who support HANC in the park.

Commissioner Sommer said the HANC recycling center agreement was one of the first issues she considered as a commissioner. She voted for the agreement because HANC promised to plant greenery around the perimeter of the center so that the center would be camouflaged and to muffle the noise. To date, nothing has been done. Now, she saw a large, red boxcar at the recycling center that is very visible from the street.

12. **HAIGHT-ASHBURY NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**
REVOCABLE PERMIT (Continued)

She said last year, the Commission voted on the removal of a Goodwill Industries donation box at the Marina. The consensus of the Commission was that the donation box was not an appropriate use of park property. She said the HANC recycling center is the same issue. She said the recycling center was in the Park 13 years ago when a recycling center was needed. Now, curbside recycling is in place. She said the Commission is stewards of an urban park, not an industrial park.

Commissioner Eickman said that the Committee approved the permit because the Department is now developing the Master Plan for Golden Gate Park. He said that the Master Plan will address the appropriateness of the recycling center in the park.

In response to Commissioner Sommer's question, **Park Planner, Deborah Learner,** said that the HANC center is identified as a non-conforming use in the Draft Master Plan for Golden Gate Park. However, the plan supports recycling of materials generated in the park. The draft policy states the recycling center shall maximize its service to the park and phase out the non-conforming elements such as downtown business and using the site as a transfer station. She further explained that everyone who comes into the recycling center is a potential volunteer and supporter of Golden Gate Park and that it might be fruitful to increase their awareness of the importance of the park.

Commissioner Sommer said the Commission needed to be consistent in its policies. If the Goodwill donation bin was removed from the Marina because it was not a good use of park property, then the recycling center must be viewed in the same way. She said the Golden Gate Park Master Plan is now being developed and it was an opportune time to make park policy consistent. She wanted to inform HANC of these concerns.

Ms. Learner said the Master Plan will not be considered by the Commission for another year. The Draft policy was presented to the Golden Gate Park Committee on 7/12/93. Staff will develop an operation plan and pursue eventual elimination of a transfer station within the park.

Carole Glossenger, a 20 year resident of the Haight and past president of Cole Valley Improvement Association, was present to ask the Commission to not grant a lease to the recycling center. She wanted HANC to be told to develop another plan and to relocate by the end of the year. She said the center was originally allowed to operate because there was no use for the site. Now, the center is growing from a neighborhood business on an unused corner to an industrial use of park property. She stated that the center is next to the newly renovated Kezar Stadium and could be used for a recreational purpose. She said the Golden Gate Park Master Plan is being developed and now is the time to notify HANC that it may have to find another site.

President Orr said there is a sentiment that the industrial use is not appropriate at the HANC park site. He was prepared to approve a month to month lease with provision that the Commission will re-visit the issue after six months. He said the Master Plan is in its draft form and it is the appropriate vehicle to resolve this issue.

12. **HAIGHT-ASHBURY NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**
REVOCABLE PERMIT (Continued)

Commissioner Eickman said if the Draft Golden Gate Park Master Plan states that HANC recycling center is not a good use of park land then the Commission should act at that time. He said there will be many controversial issues in the Master Plan that the Commission will have to consider in the future including commuter parking.

Commissioner Sommer felt that HANC should be notified that the center is a non-conforming use of park land. She commented that HANC has ignored her requests to place more greenery at the entrance of the center.

President Orr wanted HANC to have an opportunity to address the issue raised by the Commission.

Commissioner Immendorf said the Commission needed to let HANC know that it had serious concerns and will re-visit this issue in 6 months.

On recommendation of the Finance and Administration Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Eickman, seconded by Commissioner Chan, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16702

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves a month-to-month revocable permit for Haight Ashbury Neighborhood Council to continue its recycling operation at Kezar for a six month period, and that it will be reviewed after the six month period, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Commission Secretary is directed to send a letter to the Haight Ashbury Neighborhood Council expressing concerns that the recycling center is a non-conforming use of park land.

13. **UNION SQUARE GARAGE**
CITY PARK
RENT CREDIT

Approval of rent credit to City Park for repair of elevators at Union Square Garage.

Assistant General Manager for Administration, Phil Arnold, explained that this item came out of Committee without recommendation with a request that staff review the pattern and history of this rent credit. There have been ongoing repairs to the elevators due to moisture from the plaza. There have been at least 3 different payments. He noted that there was a discrepancy in the repair bill which increased the request by $500 to $4,394.42. Staff is reviewing this matter in an attempt to resolve the moisture problem. Until that resolution is made he recommended that the Commission approve a rent credit for $3,894.42.

On recommendation of the Finance and Administration Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Eickman, seconded by Commissioner Immendorf, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16703

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the rent credit in the amount of $3,894.42, to City Park for repair of elevators at Union Square Garage.

14. **UNION SQUARE**
THEATRE BAY AREA (TBA)
TICKET BOOTH

Approval of request by Theatre Bay Area (TBA) to change signage and paint the exterior of Ticket Booth at Union Square.

This item was removed from the Calendar.

14a. **JUSTIN HERMAN PLAZA**
MULTIPLE DAY EVENT
BEACH VOLLEYBALL

Approval to offer beach volleyball at Justin Herman Plaza during the months of August and September 1993.

Assistant General Manager for Administration, Phil Arnold, explained that this is a request to offer volleyball at Justin Herman Plaza provided that the individuals/groups which have permits are agreeable to the program. Mr. Arnold distributed a list of those with permits for use of Justin Herman Plaza during the months of August, September and October.

Commission Secretary Shauna Rose contacted the prospective permitees and found out that some of the groups did not agree with the proposal. Some of them had prior commitments in place with the Reservation Division. If the Commission wants to proceed with this proposal, which will be done at no cost to the Department and provided a recreation activity for the City, it should be contingent upon obtaining agreement from the outstanding permitees and begin on 8/20/93. Staff has not received confirmation from all of the affected groups who have pending requests to use the Justin Herman Plaza.

General Manager, Mary E. Burns, said that there is a safety issue that may affect potential permitees who plan to use the Plaza.

In response to Commissioner Immendorf's questions, Mr. Arnold explained that Embarcadero Center expects to receive $8,000 in volleyball fees and the cost to construct the volleyball courts is $40,000. Embarcadero Center has agreed to sweep the sand daily, cover the courts with a tarp at night, and will have security staff during the day and night. They have also offered to donate the sand to the Department after the event.

President Orr said he felt the Commission could only approve this item contingent upon reaching agreement with the prospective permitees. He did not think it was appropriate to displace those who have pending permits.

Dr. Ed Lopez, representing Chemical Bank Corporate Challenge, explained that his event was scheduled for 8/18/93 at Justin Herman Plaza. If the Commission approved the volleyball permit after 8/18/93 he was not concerned.

Maureen Barry, representing Embarcadero Center, said that Embarcadero Center was enthusiastic about the program, however, they did not want to displace any other groups. She said they will accommodate events such as Blues Festival and close the volleyball courts during the time that this group performs. Embarcadero Center will begin construction some time after 8/20/93.

14a. **JUSTIN HERMAN PLAZA**
MULTIPLE DAY EVENT
BEACH VOLLEYBALL (Continued)

On motion of Commissioner Immendorf, seconded by Commissioner Eickman, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16704

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the request to offer beach volleyball at Justin Herman Plaza during the period August 20, 1993 through October 20, 1993 contingent upon reaching agreement with any other affected prior permit holders.

14b. **GOLDEN GATE PARK**
MUSIC CONCOURSE
REVISION TO PARKING PROGRAM

Consideration to revise the parking program at the Music Concourse area in Golden Gate Park.

This item was removed from the Calendar.

15. **ACCEPTANCE OF GIFT**

On motion of Commissioner Sommer, seconded by Commissioner Immendorf, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16705

RESOLVED, That this Commission accepts the following gift valued at $750.00, for the Recreation and Park Department:

a. From Mrs. Jane S. Coney, 24 rare orchids, valued at $750.00, for the Conservatory of Flowers, Golden Gate Park.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate letter of thanks shall be sent to the donor.

16. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

At this time members of the public may address the Commission on items that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Recreation and Park Commission. Members of the public may address the Commission for up to three minutes. The President or the Commission may limit the total testimony to 30 minutes.

Robert Hansen, representing the Golden Gate Park Band, spoke about permit parking in the Music Concourse area of Golden Gate Park and asked if band members who carry large instruments and volunteers who straighten the benches in the music concourse would be allowed to park free of charge in the area. He was concerned that the band members would have to pay parking fees given the small salary they receive. He also felt that weekday parking would be fruitful. He said that these issues needed to be resolved.

17. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Orr thanked staff for their hard work and diligent efforts during this year's budget process. He congratulated them noting that the budget crisis grows more trying each year and forces some very hard choices and creative thoughts.

18. COMMISSION COMMITTEE REPORTS

The following Commission Committee reports were submitted for the record:

Joint Zoo Committee Meeting of June 2, 1993
Finance and Administration Committee Meeting of July 1, 1993
Parks and Planning Committee Meeting of July 6, 1993
Golden Gate Park Committee Meeting of July 12, 1993

19. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Commissioner Eickman, the meeting was adjourned in memory of David Jenkins, political activist, who passed away on June 28, 1993.

On motion of Commissioner Immendorf, the meeting was adjourned in memory of William Johnson, father of Sharon Johnson, Executive Director of the Commission on the Status of Women, who passed away recently.

On motion of Commissioner Chan, the meeting was adjourned in memory of Rai Okamoto, former Director of City Planning, who passed away recently.

On motion of Commissioner Orr, the meeting was adjourned in memory of Peter Winslow, son of Jane Winslow, former member of the Citizens Open Space Advisory Committee and Executive Director of the Friends of the Library, who passed away suddenly.

On motion of Commissioner Sommer, the meeting was adjourned with best wishes for a speedy recovery to Thomatra Scott, a youth activist, who recently suffered a stroke.

There being no further business, the 684th Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shauna Marie Rose
Commission Secretary

San Francisco, California
July 29, 1993

Frank M. Jordan, Mayor

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RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION

MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING

THURSDAY, JULY 29, 1993
2:00 P.M.

The Special Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Thursday, July 29, 1993, at 2:00 p.m. President Trent W. Orr.

1. **ROLL CALL**

Present:
Commissioner Trent W. Orr, President
Commissioner Jack Immendorf, Vice President (noted present at 2:05 pm)
Commissioner Sidney Chan
Commissioner Keith Eickman
Commissioner Bella Farrow
Commissioner Santiago Ruiz
Commissioner Sue Sommer

2. **SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY**
SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS
LEASE AGREEMENT

Approval of lease agreement between the Recreation and Park Commission and San Francisco Zoological Society for the operation of the San Francisco Zoological Gardens.

General Manager, Mary E. Burns, explained that over the past few years the Department's General Fund support has been tremendously reduced. The Department has been looking for different ways to maintain the level of the services and programs that have traditionally been delivered. In consulting with other zoo institutions it became apparent that there is a trend of transferring the management of zoos to non-profit organizations and staff began to pursue this option over a year ago. Approval of a series of concepts was granted from this Commission and the Board of Supervisors that outlined how a transfer might take place and under what conditions. The item before the Commission today is the legal document that would incorporate those concepts and conditions for the Zoological Society to assume managment of the City's Zoo.

2. **SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY**
SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS
LEASE AGREEMENT (Continued)

Ms. Burns said that the lease agreement was reviewed by the Joint Z Committee. She then proceeded to outline some of the key provisions of t lease amendment:

Term of the Agreement The agreement is intended to have an initial fi year term. If both sides are agreeable, the agreement can be extended f another five year period, and for successive five year periods not exceed a total of 99 years. In the event there is a problem with t language in the document, either party must serve written notice to t other by November 30 of the final year of that five year term to re-op the issue of the lease and its content. That date was set anticipati that if there were to be a change it needed to be in line with the City budgeting timeline.

Lease Premises The lease premises are to be the current 65 acres of t Zoo. In addition, the Fleishacker pool site which is currently und consideration for possible expansion by the City's Clean Water Progr could be added to the demised property. There is property where t Cleanwater's Oceanside Plant is being completed and that area would turned over to the Zoological Society for their management. Finally, the National Guard Armory property becomes available, it would transferred to the Zoological Society.

Attachments/Exhibits There are a number of attachments to the lea which gives the legal description of these parcels of land. Anoth attachment describes equipment and vehicles which would be transferred Zoological Society for its use. There is still a question on the ownersh of one vehicle and when staff finds the documentation it will be resolve The Zoological Society has agreed to maintain and replace the equipmen Ms. Burns asked the Deputy City Attorney to incorporate specific langua into the lease agreement regarding the equipment as per the request of t City Purchaser

Management Fee - The Zoological Society is assuming a large endeavor raise a substantial amount of private funding for the Zoo. They felt the partnership were to work, the City needed to commit General Fund mon to support the Zoo. The City wanted to keep the admission fees reasonab and to protect the Civil Service employees employed at the Zoo. Th agreement provides that any Civil Service employee currently working at t Zoo can remain a Civil Service employee. Such action, removes control the wages from the Zoological Society. Therefore, the Management Fee h been tied to the cost of the Civil Service employees at the Zoo. For t first five years of the agreement the City will provide a General Fu support in the amount of $4 Million.

Ms. Burns explained that both she and the Commission were concerned th committing this Management Fee should not be done at the expense of t other services and programs offered by Recreation and Park. Therefor Section 5.1.2. states "City intends to fund the payment of the Manageme fee in each Fiscal Year from a general fund appropriation, which shall separate and apart from the budget of the Department. The payment of the

Management Fee in any Fiscal Year shall also be governed by and subject to the budget and fiscal provisions of the Charter." Ms. Burns stressed the importance of this language and its intent to protect the other very valuable services provided by the Department.

2. **SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY**
SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS
LEASE AGREEMENT (Continued)

Adjustment of Management Fee A process will be set up to adjust the City's subsidy at the end of each five year period. The fee will be evaluated based on the number of City employees at the Zoo, inflation, etc. The formula is very complicated and as the number of City employees decline, the subsidy will reduce.

Payment to the City There are certain kinds of services the Department has been providing at the Zoo that the Zoological Society felt should continue. Section 6 provides that the Society shall buy back services from the Department such as reforestation services. The Society will also pay for the utilities at the price that is charged to the Department.

Zoo Hours/Days of Operations The Zoo should operate for at least 7 hours a day 365 days a year for at least 7 hours a day. This Agreement clearly transfers to the Society the authority to manage and supervise the day-to-day operations at the Zoo.

Licenses/Permits Section 9 requires the Zoological Society to maintain the Zoo in a condition to qualify for all requisite permits, for licensing and accreditation from the American Association of Zoological Parks and Aquariums, the United States Department of Agriculture, etc. Failure of the Zoological Society to secure those licenses would be cause for termination of the Agreement.

Improvements and Alterations The Zoological Society is required to obtain Commission approval for capital improvements that cost over $50,000, other than routine maintenance. If an original contract is under $50,000 but because of subsequent changes it exceeds that dollar amount then it must be ratified and approved by the Commission.

Zoo Director, David Anderson, explained that the Commission will review plans that are less than $50,000. The Commission must approve structures, capital improvements and alterations. The Zoological Society must also seek approvals from other City agencies such as the Art Commission, if appropriate. The title for the improvements remain with the City.

Infrastrucure Improvements Due to the 1989 earthquake, there was quite a bit of damage to the infrastructure at the Zoo. A $26 Million General Obligation Bond was passed by the voters in 1990 that provided money to repair the Zoo's infrastructure. The Zoological Society wanted to make sure that those repairs go forward. It is certainly the intent of the City to go forward with those improvements. One of the exhibits to the Agreement describes the improvements and a time line.

2. **SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY**
SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS
LEASE AGREEMENT (Continued)

Zoo Animals The ownership of the animals remains with the City. T responsibility for care of the animals is with the Zoological Society. T Zoological Society will continue to provide animal care for the bison Golden Gate Park, the animal collection at the Randall Museum, and t bison at the San Bruno Jail. They will provide expertise for oth Recreation and Park problems that may occur in the future such as care the fish at Lake Merced.

Maintenance For the first five years of the agreement the Zoologic Society is not responsible for correcting any pre-existing conditions the Zoo.

Status of City Employees The Zoological Society has the authority govern the employees under its control. There is a section that defin how Civil Service employees are to be treated. The existing memoranda understanding shall remain in effect until they terminate. The City obligated to consult with the Zoological Society regarding employme conditions and the Society has agreed to incorporate the City's unifo disciplinary code into the agreement.

Personnel Officer, Marsha Ramirez, explained that there is a provision the lease which allows the Zoological Society to request the Department petition Civil Service to look at particular jobs and ask that they reclassified. The City Charter provides that current employees cannot adversely affected as a result of a job reclassification. The Departme can review Civil Service's evaluation and if it concurs, t reclassification is submitted to the Civil Service Commission for a fin determination. The employees have a right to discuss the matter with Civ Service staff and they can appear before the Civil Service Commission.

Ms. Burns explained that the Zoo Director and the Chief Veterinari positions are specifically mentioned in the Charter. Section 14.3 stat that even though these positions will become Society employees they wi continue to be governed by Charter rules and the appointment and dismiss are at the discretion of the General Manager with the consent of t Recreation and Park Commission. If the Zoological Society disagrees wi the hiring or dismissal of either of these positions, then it is cause f potential termination of the lease agreement.

Private Fund Raising The Society will make a commitment to raise $ Million in a Founders' Fund in the first five years of the agreemen Should that $10 Million not be in place immediately, priorities have be outlined for the expenditures of whatever might be collected. The first Million shall be for capital improvements, $2 Million for operati expenses, and $3 Million shall remain in the Endowment Fund. In additio The Zoological Society agrees to undertake a capital fundraising campai for $25 Million in accordance with the terms of the agreement.

2. **SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY**
SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS
LEASE AGREEMENT (Continued)

Future Bond Issue The City will commit to place before the voters a $25+ Million General Obligation bond issue to finance capital improvements within the first five years of the agreement. This bond issue proposal would have to go through the normal City process. The City has a Capital Improvements Advisory Committee which sets a 6 year priority list for capital improvements. Currently, there are $2 billion of proposals in line for General Obligation Bonds.

Admission Fees The Commission is giving to the Zoological Society the authority to propose a fee increase for admission to the Zoo. The Commission has the authority to approve the fee increases but cannot unreasonably withhold that approval. Proposals should include comparison of fees charged at other zoos, cost of living adjustments, etc.

Budget Process The lease requires that the Society will provide a summary of operation and procedures annually and that the Commission and Department will provide comments or suggestions on a submitted budget. The Commission shall have the right to disapprove a budget in the event it determines that the revenues or objectives are inconsistent with the requirements of the agreement.

In response to Commissioner Chan's questions regarding fundraising, Mr. Anderson explained that the Zoological Society will raise $25 Million over the first five year term of the agreement. He further explained that there is a Master Plan for the Zoo entitled "Zoo 2000" which was intitiated in the mid to late 1980s. The first phase of $25 Million will be used for the new leopard and orangutang exhibit, renovations of 22 different areas of the Zoo and begin construction of the African zoogeographic complex. Commissioner Chan felt that it was important to include the Zoo 2000 plan as one of the exhibits to the lease agreement.

Public Access to Records and Information The Zoological Society has committed to provide the same level of public access to information concerning the operation of the Zoo that the City would provide. The Society shall make minutes of each of its Board meetings be available for public inspection. The Joint Zoo Committee will continue to exist as a public forum where policy issues shall be discussed and where the public can gain information about what is going on in the Zoo. The Zoological Society has agreed that two positions of its Board of Directors shall be held by community representatives who are San Francisco residents.

Termination Termination can be instituted if the the Zoological Society fails to perform or comply with any covenant or condition in the agreement. Termination proceedings could be initiated if there was an abandonment by the Society, an assignment without the written consent of the City, or the appointment of a receiver to take possession of any or all of the assets of the Society. The Zoological Society can propose termination in the event the City fails to pay any portion of the Management Fee when due, if any Civil Service employee agreement materially conflicts with the ability of the Society to manage the Zoo, or if the City fails to approve the change to the admission fee requested by the Society.

2. **SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY**
SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS
LEASE AGREEMENT (Continued)

Compliance with Laws The Zoological Society must comply with all of th various laws having to do with the operation of a public facility includi the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City's Non-Discriminati Ordinance, and other local contracting ordinances.

Term of the Agreement The agreement shall go into effect thirty da after the approval of the Board of Supervisors and signature by the Mayor.

Ms. Burns said hundreds of hours were spent on drafting the lease agreeme and thanked all those involved in the process.

Commissioner Ruiz asked if the Management Fee could be withdrawn by th City. Ms. Burns said should the Board of Supervisors or Mayor no appropriate the money for the Management Fee then the agreement is subje to termination. The fee can be withheld if the Society has not perform certain tasks. He felt that the Society should provide the Commission wi evidence that the Zoological Society had obtained employee fraud and cri insurance.

Deputy City Attorney, Lawrence Wayte said currently there is r requirement for fidelity bonding although there is no reason it could no be incorporated into the agreement.

Commissioner Immendorf asked if the money for the Management Fee i separate from any other funding requirements for the Recreation and Par programs and services.

Ms. Burns said that the language developed under Section 5.1.2. wa intended to clearly state that intention. This language will also t included in the Board of Supervisors' Ordinance. However, the ordinanc could be amended in subsequent years.

Commissioner Chan asked of the impact on Zoo operations should th Agreement not be approved. Ms. Burns said it would leave the Zoo shor approximately $250,000 and a continuing decline in its capital improvemen projects. Mr. Anderson further explained that the Zoo is required t report to the American Association of Zoological Parks and Aquariums (AAZPA) Accreditation Commission in September on the lease agreement. Th AAZPA has been asking for long term financial stability to improve the Zo exhibits. In addition, there are United States Department of Agricultur (USDA) citations that will be corrected with the funds raised by th Society which are important for licensing requirements.

Zoological Society Executive Director, Peggy Burks, asked that Sectio 16.3 be amended to provide that the Joint Zoo Committee meet not less tha 11 times a year. She also asked that the word "directors" be added t Section 21.2 so that it would read, "City shall indemnify SFZS and it directors, its respective officers, agents and employees..."

2. **SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY**
SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS
LEASE AGREEMENT (Continued)

Public Testimony

The first speaker, **Susanne Barthell,** submitted a written statement for the record which was commended to the Commission members for their review.

Dinky Enty, a volunteer at the Zoo, was excited to be part of the Zoo. She explained that many animals are endangered and it is time for the public to care for them. She urged the Commission to approve the expanded partnership and make the Zoo a better place for San Francisco.

Norma Kristovich, a member of the Docent Council Executive Committee at the Zoo, thanked the Department and Commission for the amount of work that has been done to develop this agreement. She said there are over 500 volunteers at the Zoo. She urged the Commission to approve the lease agreement now that the important issues were in place.

Amy Meyer, a member of Joint Zoo Committee, explained that she has been associated with the Zoo since 1976. She said that Recreation and Park has been faced with the fact that zoos are extremely expensive to run and that it is impossible to have municipalities be responsible for the preservation of the endangered species of the world. She said that the expanded partnershp gives the City and the Zoo the best opportunity. She asked the Commission to support the lease.

Philip Carlton, founding member of the Watch Bison Committee, was troubled and concerned by the Zoo's management style. He said it is an authoritarian style which centralizes control and limits public access. He recounted an incident involving a volunteer work day at the bison paddock in Golden Gate Park. The work day was successful and another day was scheduled in August. He has now been informed that any volunteer days must be approved by the Zoological Society.

Richard Travis, did not like the lease agreement and said he had a long list of reasons he did not like it. He felt the City was taking a big chance and did not want the City to hand over stewardship of the Zoo to the Zoological Society. He questioned what the City would do if the partnership did not work. He said the Zoological Society management has remained unchanaged for many years. He felt the public should press for a new separate entity to have authority over the Zoo rather than the Zoological Society.

Emeric Kalman, asked what was the actual cost figures to fix the Zoo. He felt that if the Zoological Society was to be responsible for the conditions at the Zoo a price should be affixed to the capital improvements. He felt that there should be a dollar amount for the condition of the Zoo.

Eve Del Castello, was born and raised in the San Francisco and has been using the Zoo since she was a child. She said the City has not done a thing with the money allocated to the Zoo. She questioned the integrity and management of the Zoo. She asked if the partnership will cost the City more money or if it was a better way to manage the Zoo.

2. **SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY**
SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS
LEASE AGREEMENT (Continued)

Ms. Burns explained that the Department does have dollar values for some the problems at the Zoo and that there is a six year capital improveme project to maintain it. Beyond those costs, there is probably $100 Milli worth of improvements that are necessary to make the Zoo modern.

President Orr said the expanded partnership will place the responsibili on the Zoological Society to raise additional sums of money in the futu since the City is not able to allocate the necessary money for this Zoo.

Commissioner Eickman said he has been involved with the Zoo for over years when he began serving on the Joint Zoo Committee. He did not conc with the statement made that the Zoological Society did not perform we noting that they operate the Children's Zoo and Insects Zoo and educati programs. He further explained that the City has not allocated any mon to perform capital improvements at the Zoo. He felt that if the expand partnership was critical for the continued operation of the Zoo and th the lease amendment should be approved.

Commissioner Immendorf thanked President Orr, Commissioners Eickman a Sommer who worked many hours on the drafting of the lease agreement. was impressed with the agreement and urged his fellow commissioners approved the document. He also thanked staff and members of the Zoologic Society who worked on this agreement.

President Orr outlined the technical modifications that were raised duri the staff presentation.

On recommendation of the Joint Zoo Committee, and on motion of Commission Eickman, seconded by Commissioner Sommer, the following resolution w adopted:

RES. NO. 16706

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the lease agreement between t Recreation and Park Commission and San Francisco Zoological Society for t operation of the San Francisco Zoological Gardens with the followi technical modifications:

°Exhibit B	Pending resolution of the disposition of the plumber's tru
°Section 3.3	Incorporate language that states the Zoological Socie shall maintain and replace personal property
°Section 14.2	Add language that the Department's Uniform Disciplina Code shall apply to Civil Service employees at the Zoo
°Zoo 2000	Zoo 2000 Master Plan shall be included as part of one exhibits regarding capital improvements
°Insurance	Requirement of Fidelity bonding for appropriate individua at the Zoo
°Section 16.3	Incorporate language that states the Joint Zoo Committ shall meet not less than 11 times a year
°Section 21.2	Insert the word "directors" in the first sentence Section 21.2.

2. **SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY**
SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS
SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION

Approval of a supplemental appropriation budget request in the amount of $200,000 to fund the management fee for the San Francisco Zoological Gardens.

Assistant General Manager for Administration, Phil Arnold, explained that the 1993-94 budget approved by the Board of Supervisors provides $3.55 Million of General Fund support for the Zoo. However, the lease agreement with the Zoological Society provides for a $4 Million annual payment. The Board of Supervisors and the Mayor have pre-approved a $200,000 supplemental appropriation for the Zoo. If the sales tax issue receives approval in the November 1993 election, then another $200,000 supplemental appropriation will be submitted to the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors. This additional funding will be added ti tge $3.55 Million already appropriated for the Zoo and will be used to pay the City's Management Fee to the Zoological Society.

On recommendation of the Joint Zoo Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Chan, seconded by Commissioner Immendorf, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16707

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves a supplemental appropriation budget request in the amount of $200,000 to fund the management fee for the San Francisco Zoological Gardens and an additional supplemental of $200,000 for the Zoo if the sales tax measure passes in November 1993.

3. **RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT**
RECREATION DIVISION
SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION

Approval of a supplemental appropriation budget request in the amount of $140,000 to fund staff for recreation centers on Sundays and holidays.

Assistant General Manager for Administration, Phil Arnold, explained that the Board of Supervisors allocated $140,000 to re-open some of the Department's recreation centers which were to be closed on Sundays and holidays as a result of the 1993-94 budget reductions. The Board placed $140,000 into a reserve account and asked the Department to submit a supplemental appropriation to re-open some of the recreation centers on Sundays and holidays. A list of the recreation centers which will remain open on Sundays and holidays was submitted to the Commission.

Valerie Aiken, an employee at the Department's swimming pools, asked the Commission to divide this supplemental appropriation so that the Aquatics Division could also expand their hours. She said the Aquatics Division is part of the Recreation Division and that it is healthy to swim.

Julie Dilley, a member of the Citizens for San Francisco Pools, said she, too, requested that part of this supplemental appropriation be allocated to the Aquatics Division. She said for five years the Aquatics Division has taken severe cuts, most recently forcing closure of the pools two days a week. As a working adult, she said the reductions in pool hours has virtually cut out all her lap swimming time.

3. **RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT**
RECREATION DIVISION
SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION (Continued)

Jean Taggart, a member of Aquatics Advisory Board, said that she sw this morning at Garfield Pool and there were 7 people in the entire poo She said usually there are more people. She said the reduction in po hours has resulted in fewer people using the pools. She said there need to be sensible scheduling because the pool hours are now ludicrous. S said the Aquatics Division has taken severe cuts and that they deserve portion of the supplemental appropriation funding.

Brenda Schlagel, said she had to quit her job because she had serio back problems. She was told to swim and it has made a difference in h life. Swimming was a solution to her ailment and she felt that swimming invaluable for people's mental and physical health. She urged that t pools be kept open.

General Manager, Mary E. Burns, explained that the way the Department budget is structured $8 Million of the $12 Million in the Recreati Division is protected as children's services and that the level of tho services cannot be reduced. She said this provision results in very f adult Recreation Division programs/services that are safe from budg reductions. Both the Sharon Arts Studio and the Aquatics Division ha taken severe reductions because they have considerable adu participation. The Department recommended closing two pools entire because it would save significant light, heat and power costs and wou allow more swimming pool hours to the public at the remaining pools. T Board of Supervisors felt that the public would prefer reduced hours rath than closing any of the swimming pools. This action caused a reduction pool hours.

This item is a directed supplemental appropriation asking the Commission to restore Sunday and holiday hours to some of the Department's recreati centers. She noted that when the Department must absorb a 30% reduction will affect service and programs offered to the public. Ms. Burns furth explained that this supplemental appropriation funds the recreati directors but does not provide funding for custodial services to clean t recreation centers. As a consequence, custodial services will be affect Department wide with a lesser level of service to all Recreation and Pa programs/services.

On **motion of** Commissioner Ruiz, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, t following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16708

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves a supplemental appropriation budg request in the amount of $140,000 to fund recreation directors to staff portion of the Department's recreation centers on Sundays and holidays.

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

At this time members of the public may address the Commission on items that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Recreation and Park Commission. Members of the public may address the Commission for up to three minutes. The President or the Commission may limit the total testimony to 30 minutes.

No public comment was received.

There being no further business, the Special Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shauna Marie Rose
Commission Secretary

San Francisco, California
September 16, 1993

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RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION

MINUTES

685TH REGULAR MEETING

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 1993 - 2:00 P.M.

The Six Hundred and Eighty-Fifth Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Thursday, September 16, 1993, at 2:00 p.m. by Vice President Jack Immendorf.

1. ROLL CALL

Present:
Commissioner Jack Immendorf, Vice President
Commissioner Sidney Chan
Commissioner Bella Farrow
Commissioner Larry Mazzola
Commissioner Vince Rovetti
Commissioner Santiago Ruiz
Commissioner Sue Sommer

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Commissioner Ruiz, seconded by Commissioner Sommer, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 15, 1993, were approved as presented.

On motion of Commissioner Sommer, seconded by Commissioner Ruiz, the minutes of the Special Meeting of July 29, 1993, were approved as presented.

3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

General Manager, Mary E. Burns, submitted the following report:

"WELCOME TO NEW COMMISSIONERS

On behalf of the staff, I would like to welcome our two new Recreation and Park Commissioners, Larry Mazzola and Vincent Rovetti. Commissioner Mazzola is the Business Manager and Financial Secretary Treasurer for Local Union 38, United Association of Journeymen and Apprentices of the Plumbing and Pipe Fitting Industry of the United States and Canada. Commissioner Rovetti is the owner of Rossi and Rovetti Flowers and Gifts. We look forward to their tenure on the Commission.

COMMENDATION - JOSEPH LOWMAN

In August, plumber Joseph Lowman was driving on Transverse Drive to a job site in Golden Gate Park. He observed an Asian woman on the side of the road screaming hysterically. Joe stopped to see what was wrong. The woman could not speak English to communicate the crisis. She ran around to Joe's side of the truck. She had a baby girl less than a year old in her arms. The baby's eyes had rolled back in her head and she was beginning to turn blue. Joe made sure the baby's mouth was clear, laid the baby down on the grass and started CPR and succeeded in resuscitating the child. A passing motorist and two other employees assisted in calling for emergency assistance. The paramedics credit Joe with saving the baby's life. Please join me in commending Joe for his quick action in this emergency situation.

PRECITA PARK PLAYGROUND

A neighborhood representative spoke during the public comment portion of the Parks and Planning Committee and requested that the Precita Park Playground renovation situation be heard by the full Commission. The Department of Public Works (DPW) has reported that the contractor has committed to completing the work in 2 to 3-1/2 weeks rather than the previously stated 6 to 8 weeks. Todd Cockburn of DPW attended a community meeting on Monday evening at St. Anthony School to personally apologize to the neighborhood and to outline how future projects will be handled. At your places is a chronology on the renovation of the Precita Park Playground as well as a copy of an article from the San Francisco Independent.

YACHT HARBOR DREDGING

Dutra Dredging Company has been awarded an emergency contract to remove approximately 13,000 cubic yards of sand which is currently constricting the entrance to the west basin. The harbor entrance had filled in to the point that it was a hazard to navigation and also would prevent the fireboats from entering the harbor in an emergency. The removal of the sand accumulation at the entrance to the west harbor, fondly known as 'Barney's Beach,' commenced on Friday, September 10, 1993. It is estimated that the dredging operation will be completed within 10 days

3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)

LAKE MERCED

There is concern about the water level at Lake Merced. The department has received a copy of 41 petitions that have a total of several hundred signatures that were sent to the Water Department requesting that the water level at Lake Merced be increased. At your places is a copy of an article from the San Francisco Chronicle addressing this same issue. As of yesterday afternoon, the fish in the impound area were exhibiting distress because of the level of the lake. Both the Fire Department and the Department of Public Works are helping pump additional water from South Lake into the impound to try to save the fish in that area.

CANDLESTICK PARK CONVERSION

Immediately following the Atlanta game on August 25, 1993, the department began its first field conversion of the season from baseball to football configuration. The field crews, engineers and structural maintenance staff worked with Sheedy Drayage to accomplish the first conversion ever with the Giants' newly installed portable bleachers. This involved first bringing the large moveable bleachers out into football position and then dismantling and storing the new Giants' bleachers underneath them. It was quite a job to coordinate the new activities with all of the other elements of a field conversion. Based on our first conversion, it will add at least 16 hours to the conversion time depending on conditions. The additional costs (approximately $19,000) will be billed, by mutual agreement, to the Giants. The field was ready in time and in excellent condition for the 49'ers home game.

PACIFIC ROD AND GUN CLUB

The Regional Water Quality Control Board has reported to staff that they will be considering the issuance of a cease and desist order to the Pacific Rod and Gun Club, named as primary respondent, and the Recreation and Park Department, named as secondary respondent, requiring that the discharge of lead shot from skeet and trap shooting into waters of the State or waters of the United States should be prohibited. Based upon the completed evaluation of lead deposited on the site, management and/or clean-up plans may be required to eliminate the lead hazard. Restrictions on the use of clay targets may also be included in the cease and desist order.

NATIONAL RECREATION AND PARK ASSOCIATION/URBAN PARK AND RECREATION ALLIANCE

The National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) Congress will take place October 20-24, 1993, in San Jose, California. I will be attending this annual conference as well as participating on a panel entitled "Successful Female Leadership: Increasing Your Professional/Personal Effectiveness in the Political Arena."

As president of the Urban Park and Recreation Alliance (an organization composed of the managers of the 44 largest urban park districts in the United States), I will be chairing the fall meeting which takes place the day before the NRPA conference gets underway. The emphasis of the

3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)

PANDAS

Supervisor Alioto introduced a resolution requesting a 10-year loan of two panda bears. This is in violation of international efforts to protect this highly endangered species and could result in loss of accreditation for the Zoo. The matter was referred to the Board of Supervisors' Rules Committee and will be heard on October 12, 1993. David Anderson, Zoo Director, has sent information to each Supervisor pointing out the impact such action could have on the Zoo.

GRANT APPLICATIONS

During the month of August two grant applications were submitted for the next round of funding from the ISTEA program. Funds from highway taxes are set aside for this fund meant to enhance areas adjacent to or connecting surface transportation corridors. One application for $476,000 was submitted to fund the removal of the Reflecting Pool in Civic Center Plaza and replacement with grade level artistic pavement, in line with the approved Civic Center Master Plan. The second application, for $862,000, would fund the design and installation of irrigation and landscaping along Park Presidio through Golden Gate Park from Lincoln Way to Fulton Street.

STRYBING ARBORETUM

Strybing Arboretum Society is hosting the 1993 Pacific Regional Meeting of the American Association of Botanical Gardens and Arboreta, October 14-16. The theme of the meeting is "Getting Real: Making Public Gardens Work in the 1990's." Details on the meeting are included in your packets.

For the second year, Strybing Arboretum Society has received a conservation grant from the Institute of Museum Services, a federal agency that funds American museums. The $24,910 matching grant will be used to continue the computerized mapping of the botanical gardens. In addition, through a $3,000 private donation, a plotter has been purchased to allow large scale (24" x 36") color maps of the gardens to be produced. If any Commissioners are interested in seeing a demonstration of the mapping program, please contact Walden Valen, Director at the Arboretum.

STERN GROVE FESTIVAL

At your places is a copy of a report on the annual Stern Grove Festival, which the Recreation and Park Department co-sponsors with the Stern Grove Festival Association.

"YOU GOTTA HAVE PARK!" DAY

The third annual "You Gotta Have Park!" day, an all-out clean-up and fundraising event in Golden Gate Park, will be held on Sunday, October 3, and is co-sponsored by Friends of Recreation and Parks and the San Francisco Clean City Coalition. Volunteers will meet in the 44th Avenue east meadow next to the Rose Garden and work from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. picking up litter, cleaning pathways, planting trees and working in the

3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)

"YOU GOTTA HAVE PARK!" DAY (Continued)

nursery. At the completion of the work day (1:00 p.m.), there will be a barbecue. In addition, several non-profit and small business groups will be staffing "donation stations" around the park encouraging $1.00 donations from all park visitors. The event has three objectives: 1) foster an awareness of Golden Gate Park and its needs; 2) raise funds for maintenance and beautification projects in Golden Gate Park and 3) help clean up the park and keep it our park system's jewel. All are invited to pitch in on October 3.

SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS

The following claims, under $5,000, were settled by the City Attorney's Office during the months of July and August 1993:

Castellanos, Rudy	$ 991.28	Dorfman, Inez	$ 1,567.58
Calabrese, Angela	250.00	Ng, Cathy	324.29
Stein, Patricia	100.00	Kiyasu, William	76.72
Montoya, Michael	374.33	Salma, Mary Jemo	453.72
Smith, Cameron	441.11	Jacoban, Nick	65.25
Rucker, Curtis	229.03	Domina, Chris	173.51
Sa-Id, Mohammed	-602.43	Hill, Raymond	98.73
Washington, Darrell	1,100.00	Poon, Kin Chung	487.25
Bigelow, Robert	100.00	Case, Jacqueline	189.98
Mailloux, Don	150.00	Minor, D.	37.18
March, Harvey	70.00	Whiteman, Keith	625.28
Bui, Viet Ha	2,000.00	Lagrill, Jeannine	69.73
Chua, Teresa	750.00	James, Benjamin	200.00
Aurelio, Romeo	519.75	Wire, Ercel	95.00
Louie, Billy	358.05	McKelligan, Robert	296.94
Reginato, Elsa	198.00	Green, Paul	2,000.00
Brunet, Sylvain	2,015.00	Bradshaw, Gail	3,112.25
Breslin, Greg	4,000.00		

SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAMS

At your places is a summary of the summer recreation programs. Despite cutbacks, we were able to implement several new programs this summer that were well received by the participants. A more detailed report will be made to the Recreation Committee next month.

GENERAL MANAGER'S VACATION

I will be on vacation September 25 to October 3, 1993. In my absence, Ron de Leon, Superintendent of Parks, will be acting General Manager.

3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)

DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday, September 20, 1993	San Francisco Zoological Society annual meeting; 5:00 p.m.; Wildlife Theater, San Francisco Zoo
Saturday, October 2, 1993	Open Space Bus Tour; 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.; meet at McLaren Lodge
Sunday, October 3, 1993	"You Gotta Have Park" Day; 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.; barbecue at 1:00 p.m.; meadow just west of the Rose Garden on John F. Kennedy Drive
Monday, October 11, 1993	Columbus Day Holiday (observed)"

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters listed hereunder constitute a Consent Calendar, are considered to be routine by the Recreation and Park Commission and will be acted upon by a single roll call vote of the Commission. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member so requests, in which event the matter shall be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered as a separate item.

On motion of Commissioner Ruiz, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, ratification of the following resolutions, which are processed under Resolution No. 13572:

a. PERSONNEL MATTERS — RES. NO. 16709

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies the actions taken by the General Manager regarding personnel matters during the period July 2, 1993 through September 2, 1993.

b. GOLDEN GATE PARK/GREAT HIGHWAY
FEE WAIVER/ROAD CLOSURES

Approval of a road closure along the Great Highway for the 14th Annual Escape From Alcatraz Triathlon on Saturday, October 23, 1993.

Item 4B was removed from the Calendar.

c. GOLDEN GATE PARK — RES. NO. 16710
ROAD CLOSURES/PERMIT FEE

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the road closures in Golden Gate Park for the "Run To The Far Side IX" on Sunday, November 28, 1993, from 8:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. and a $6000 fee waiver in the form of free admissions to the California Academy of Sciences for Recreation and Park Department's youth and senior programs.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR (Continued)

d. **RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT** — RES. NO. 16711
HEARING CONSERVATION PROGRAM

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the written Hearing Conservation Program for all employees exposed to excessive noise levels.

e. **CHINATOWN PARK** — RES. NO. 16712
AWARD OF CONTRACT

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the award of contract to John Jenkins Construction, in the amount of $40,000, to demolish the Cathay Mortuary site for the new Chinatown Park.

f. **GOLF DIVISION** — RES. NO. 16713
RESIDENT CARDS

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the description of eligibility for residence cards, as follows:

RESIDENT: Persons presenting a current valid "Resident Card". To secure a Resident Card, the individual must give proof of residency: a current California Driver's License or DMV identification proving San Francisco residency. The card costs $20, and is good for one year.
SENIOR: Same conditions as Resident; for individuals over 65 years of age.
JUNIOR: Same conditions as Resident; for individuals under 18 years of age. Juniors may present parent's or guardian's drivers license or DMV I.D., if they do not have above-mentioned I.D.

g. **RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT** — RES. NO. 16714
PHOTOCOPYING CHARGES

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves an amendment to Resolution No. 16163 in order to change photocopying fee from $.25 per page to $.10 per page in conformance with the San Francisco Sunshine Ordinance.

h. **VARIOUS NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS** — RES. NO. 16715
PARK CLOSURES FROM 10:00 P.M. to 6:00 A.M.

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the placement of signage to close the following facilities from 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.:

Corona Heights Park
Prentiss-Eugenia Mini Park
Sunnyside Playground
Peixotto Playground
States Street Playground
West Portal Playground

i. **GOLDEN GATE PARK** — RES. NO. 16716
10TH AVENUE AND FULTON PLAYGROUND

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the application for [illegible] the [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible]

4. CONSENT CALENDAR (Continued)

j. ALIOTO MINI PARK RENOVATION — RES. NO. 16717

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the application for funds for Alioto Mini Park renovation in the amount of $58,464, through the 1994 Community Development Block Grant Program.

k. UNION SQUARE TICKET BOOTH — RES. NO. 16718

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the request by Theatre Bay Area to change signage and paint the exterior of their Ticket Booth at Union Square. The color of the exterior will be grey with a matte finish. The dimension of the signage shall be no larger than 2 feet, of white neon with lettering no larger than 1 foot.

GENERAL CALENDAR

5. SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS ANIMAL TRANSACTIONS

Ratification of animal transaction (processed under Resolution No. 13572) for the San Francisco Zoological Gardens.

Assistant Zoo Director, David Robinett, explained the animal transaction: the bison were donated to Dam Ranch who will use the animals for its breeding program. Three young animals were to be removed from the herd to prevent overpopulation; the fourth bison was a young calf that had to be pulled from for the herd for hand rearing.

In response to Commissioner Rovetti's question, Mr. Robinett said there was no monetary exchange because bison are difficult to place.

On motion of Commissioner Ruiz, seconded by Commissioner Mazzola, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16719

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies the following animal transaction (processed under Resolution No. 13572) for the San Francisco Zoological Gardens.

DONATION TO: Dam Ranch
8907 Pool Station Road
Angels Camp, CA 95222

°Four male bison

2:25 p.m.-2:40 p.m. Commissioner Larry Mazzola left the meeting room.

6. **SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS**
OTTER EXHIBIT

Approval of conceptual plan for renovation of the Otter exhibit, San Francisco Zoological Gardens.

Assistant Zoo Director, David Robinett, said the renovation of the otter exhibit will be funded from the Zoological Society's Founders Fund. The existing otter exhibit is aged and is comprised of a circular concrete pit topped by a chain-linked fence. The exhibit is centrally located in the Zoo. The cost of renovation is $125,000 and will have an expected life of 10-15 years. A portion of the pool will be filled in to a depth of 8' to allow a more natural swimming situation for the otter. Recirculated water will come down two cascades and simulated rock work and planted areas will be placed on the perimeter of the exhibit. The viewing area will be reduced from its present dimension.

In response to Commissioner Rovetti's question, Mr. Robinett said the otter exhibit renovation project will take approximately 3 months.

On recommendation of the Joint Zoo Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Chan, seconded by Commissioner Sommer, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16720

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the plan for renovation of the Otter Exhibit, San Francisco Zoological Gardens.

APPROVED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:
Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Farrow, Immendorf, Rovetti, Ruiz, Sommer
Absent: Commissioner Mazzola

7. **SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS**
FELINE CONSERVATION CENTER

Approval of conceptual plan for construction of Feline Conservation Center, San Francisco Zoological Gardens.

Assistant Zoo Director, David Robinett, explained that the Feline Conservation Center project will be funded from the Zoological Society's Founders Fund. He said that most Zoo visitors consider the leopard exhibit area needing the most immediate help. The Feline Conservation Center is designed to house the leopards during the renovation and will later be used for breeding and housing of rare felids. The site is on the perimeter of the Zoo and is a 20,000 square foot area. There will be 12 units with 3 animal enclosures in each of the pods. The core is a holding, management area with a concrete floor for feeding. The unit design consists of a draped fabric structure hung on poles with cables running between them. The outside units are 10' high up to 20' in the back. The proposed site has large eucalyptus trees, some of which are in need of removal. Also, two small cypress trees will be relocated to the perimeter of the site.

In response to Commissioner Rovetti's question, Mr. Robinett said the Feline Conservation Center project will take approximately 6 months to complete; the Zoo hopes to begin work in January 1994.

7. SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS
FELINE CONSERVATION CENTER (Continued)

On recommendation of the Joint Zoo Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Farrow, seconded by Commissioner Chan, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16721

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the plan for construction of Feline Conservation Center, San Francisco Zoological Gardens.

APPROVED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:
Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Farrow, Immendorf, Rovetti, Ruiz, Sommer
Absent: Commissioner Mazzola

8. GOLDEN GATE PARK
CARROUSEL

Approval of renovation of exterior of the Carrousel building.

Park Planner, Deborah Learner, explained that this item is a request to renovate the exterior of the Carrousel by painting it and replacing the existing panels. Most of the work will be performed by volunteers from the Hyatt Corporation, with skilled volunteers performing the more difficult tasks. The materials will be provided through donations or funds raised by San Francisco Beautiful and Friends of Recreation and Parks. Several color schemes have been reviewed. The Golden Gate Park Committee favored a light plum color, however, the color scheme ultimately will be determined by the Arts Commission. Ms. Learner recommended approval of this item.

Commissioner Rovetti asked the Commission to send a letter of thanks to the Hyatt Corporation.

On recommendation of the Golden Gate Park Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Farrow, seconded by Commissioner Sommer, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16724

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves renovation of exterior of the Carrousel building by the Hyatt Corporation and San Francisco Beautiful.

APPROVED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:
Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Farrow, Immendorf, Rovetti, Ruiz, Sommer
Absent: Commissioner Mazzola

2:40 p.m. Commissioner Mazzola returned to the meeting room.

9. **GOLDEN GATE PARK**
DAHLIA GARDEN

Approval of installation of an ornamental iron fence at Dahlia Garden.

Assistant Superintendent of Parks, Jim Cooney, explained that this item is a request from staff to erect a 3' high ornamental iron fence at the Dahlia Gardens, just east of the Conservatory of Flowers, Golden Gate Park. The fence will surround the central area of the garden so that people will not wander or bump into the flowers. The fence will be painted green and will not be an imposing feature. The Golden Gate Park Committee recommended approval of this item.

On recommendation of the Golden Gate Park Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Ruiz, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16725

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves installation of an ornamental iron fence at Dahlia Garden.

10. **GOLDEN GATE PARK**
PARK POLICE STABLES

Approval of addition to Golden Gate Park Police Stables.

Park Planner, Deborah Learner, explained that this item was heard by the Golden Gate Park Committee and involves the expansion of a building in Golden Gate Park. The Police Stables are located in the West end of the park and have been there since 1937. The police provide a recreational support service to the Department. The proposed enlargement will be on either side of the building and will be in conformance with the existing architecture of the structure. There are many restrictions to increasing the size of buildings in Golden Gate Park and the park's Master Plan strives to preserve open space in the park. The Charter also states that expansion of buildings in Golden Gate Park, except for maintenance, require a two-thirds vote of the Board of Supervisors. This 350 square foot addition will be used for locker rooms and support services for the police officers. Ms. Learner further explained that City Planning has declared this project exempt from environmental review.

Ed Lopez, representing the Bureau of Architecture, addressed each of the five policy issues contained in the Golden Gate Park Master Plan:

a. **There is clearly demonstrated need for a defined services to the public that cannot be met by modifications within the existing building.** There is need to provide an adequate and efficient work area that can only be fulfilled by an expansion of the building.

b. **Sufficient, detailed proof is available that alternative sites outside the Park have been studied and that the proposed addition can be located only in the area in question.** The Park is an ideal site for the Police Stables given the suitability of the natural location of maintaining no bed and providing a service to the park.

10. GOLDEN GATE PARK
PARK POLICE STABLES (Continued)

c. **The effects on the Park of the proposed addition have been fully assessed to ensure that expansion will not necessitate additional surface parking, access roads, or have deleterious effect on the Park landscape.** The addition is within the fence lines of the property and will not affect the landscape of the park.

d. **Sufficient effort will be expended to assure the very best architectural quality.** The addition will match the architectural character of the existing building.

e. **Design plans for any proposed addition will include measures that will minimize visual impacts upon the Park environment.** The design will provide a small addition that does not exceed the height of the existing building and blends in with the existing design.

On recommendation of the Golden Gate Park Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Ruiz, seconded by Commissioner Sommer, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16724

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the addition to Golden Gate Park Police Stables.

11. GOLDEN GATE PARK
PARK POLICE STATION

Approval of improvements to Park Police Station.

Park Planner, Deborah Learner, explained that the Park Police Station came into the park in 1910. At that time, a City Attorney opinion was rendered that said the police station would provide a service to the east end of Golden Gate Park and could be sited in the park. If that service discontinued and the building was no longer needed for police services, the Commission could consider other uses for the building. The 1987 Police Facilities Improvement Bond will fund seismic improvements to the building. All of the improvements will take place within the footprint of the existing building. The main objective is to seismically upgrade the building, especially the operation center which is in the front building. Locker room facilities will be built for the police officers and a community room for the public. This project will also make the building accessible in conformance with the American With Disabilities Act.

General Manager, Mary E. Burns, said there is a possibility that trailers will be located adjacent to the Park Aid Station in the adjacent Kezar parking lot by the Aid Station during the construction.

On recommendation of the Golden Gate Park Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Sommer, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16725

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the improvements to Park Police Station.

12. **GOLDEN GATE PARK**
SHARON MEADOW
REGGAE IN THE PARK

Approval of a two-day event on Saturday and Sunday, October 16 and 17, 1993, for the Fourth Annual "Reggae In The Park" Festival at Sharon Meadow.

Superintendent of Recreation, Joel Robinson, explained that this item is a request for a two day event at Sharon Meadow. Under the Commission's Permit and Reservation Policy, all two day events must be approved by the Commission. This event has been held in Sharon Meadow for the last two years. There were some problems with last year's event with people storming the fence and damaging the turf and planted areas in the park. Staff met with the promoters and it was agreed that the dance area will be eliminated this year and a better fencing plan will be used. Staff asked the promoters to upgrade their security procedures. Captain Barry of the Park Police Station wants 2 mounted patrol officers and 4 police officers inside the event at all times. Ten licensed security guards must also be inside the event at all times. He recommended approval of the event provided these conditions were followed as well as those outlined in the staff memorandum. If there are problems with this year's event, then staff will determine whether it should be held again.

In response to Commissioner Chan's question, Mr. Robinson explained that the Department received payment for last year's damage. Events West, which also produces the annual A La Carte, A La Park event, produces this event. Last year's event raised $40,000 for the Department.

Officer Mike Gannon, representing Captain Barry of Park Police Station, explained that the Captain reconsidered the security measures and felt that a squad comprised of a sergeant, and 6 officers should be assigned to this event. On a personal note, Mr. Gannon asked that the speakers be relocated so that they are not directed at St. Mary's Hospital.

Commissioner Rovetti asked what had occurred at last year's event that created a need for extensive police presence at this year's event. Mr. Robinson said many of the attendees attempted to climb over the fence and it was difficult to monitor the event. The fence was torn down and there was damage to the shrubbery, some of which was irreplaceable. Mr. Robinson felt the mounted patrol presence would prevent problems.

Commissioner Sommer said the admission price seems high and that Sharon Meadow is a public place. She attended A La Carte, A La Park and found the day enjoyable, but very expensive. She had a problem with the cost to enjoy a day in the park and restricting the park from the public.

Janet Hudson, representing Events West, said the senior ticket price was eliminated since only seven tickets were sold last year. To encourage more families to attend this year, children under the age of 12 will be admitted free.

In response to Commissioner Ruiz's question, Ms. Hudson said the $5.00 senior ticket was eliminated but that they will offer it if a senior wants to attend.

12. GOLDEN GATE PARK
SHARON MEADOW
REGGAE IN THE PARK (Continued)

General Manager, Mary E. Burns, explained that when staff met with th promoters they were informed that if they do not do a better job this yea they will not be granted permission to use the park again.

On recommendation of the Golden Gate Park Committee, and on motion o Commissioner Rovetti, seconded by Commissioner Mazzola, the followin resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16726

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves a two-day event on Saturday an Sunday, October 16 and 17, 1993, for the Fourth Annual "Reggae In Th Park" Festival at Sharon Meadow, provided that security personnel shall b as requested by Captain Berry of Park Police Station.

13. PALACE OF FINE ARTS
DISABILITY ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS

Approval of disability access improvements to include provision o parking, path of travel and restroom access at the Palace of Fine Arts.

Park Planner, Deborah Learner, explained that Recreation and Park i trying to take the lead to comply with the provisions of the American With Disabilities Act (ADA). Every renovation project that takes place o park property will address access requirements. The Commission recentl approved seismic improvements to the Palace of Fine Arts which will b funded through the Earthquake Bond. As a follow-up activity to tha contract, improvements will be made for disability access to include pat of travel, parking areas, access within the facility, access to restrooms drinking fountains, etc. The seismic and accessibility projects ar intertwined and when the seismic rehabilitation takes place in th restroom areas, then the restrooms will be made accessible. Fo approximately 3 weeks, a trailer will be located outside the Exploratoriu to provide temporary restroom facilities.

On recommendation of the Golden Gate Park Committee, and on motion o Commissioner Chan, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the followin resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16727

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the disability access improvement to include provision of parking, path of travel and restroom access at th Palace of Fine Arts.

3:20 p.m. Commissioner Mazzola left the meeting room.

14. MCKINLEY SQUARE
RENOVATION

Approval of application for funds for renovation of children's play area at McKinley Square in the amount of $80,520, through the 1994 Community Development Block Grant Program.

Assistant General Manager for Administration, Phil Arnold, explained that McKinley Park is located on top of Potrero Hill and has a fairly, rundown play structure. The community has come together and begun a local fundraising and lobbying effort to qualify for a new play structure in the park. They have applied to the Office of Community Development for a grant for a new play structure in the park and this Commission must approve that grant application. If they are successful, the San Francisco Conservation Corp will purchase and install the play apparatus. It would be a very nice improvement to the park. He recommended approval of this item.

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Ruiz, seconded by Commissioner Rovetti, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16728

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the application for funds for renovation of children's play area at McKinley Square in the amount of $80,520, through the 1994 Community Development Block Grant Program.

APPROVED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:
Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Farrow, Immendorf, Rovetti, Ruiz, Sommer
Absent: Commissioner Mazzola

15. GLEN CANYON PARK
TRAIL IMPROVEMENTS

Approval of improvements to the existing trail system at Glen Canyon.

Assistant General Manager for Administration, Phil Arnold, explained that about three years ago the Open Space Committee authorized funding for a master plan for Glen Canyon. A portion of the Master Plan calls for improvement to the existing trail that runs up the side of the canyon. There have been extensive community meetings to plot the trail and inventories of the animals and species have been completed. A portion of the trail would be widened and in one area a bridge would be constructed. The Conservation Corp will perform the trail work.

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Chan, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16729

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the improvements to the existing trail system at Glen Canyon.

Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Farrow, Immendorf, Rovetti, Ruiz, Sommer

16. **BERNAL HEIGHTS PLAYGROUND**
MURAL

Ratification of placement of mural at Bernal Heights Playground.

Assistant Superintendent for Recreation, Nan Neal, explained that this item is a request to ratify the placement of a mural at Bernal Heights Playground. She stated that the young people who initiated this project did it as a summer project and thought that the wall (where they wanted to place the mural) belonged to the Library. The Library Commission informed the teens that the property belonged to the Recreation and Park Commission. Staff met with the youth, viewed the mural design and since it was a summer grant, gave them permission to paint the mural. Ms. Neal said the teens tried to address the graffiti problem and give a positive element to the area. The mural design focuses on the Bernal Heights community, reflects on civic leaders and depicts different cultures. The theme of the mural is to build bridges to stop the violence and bring harmony to the community. The mural contains two poems.

General Manager, Mary E. Burns, said a grant was received from Neighborhoods in Transition. The community has assumed the responsibility to maintain the mural.

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Ruiz, seconded by Commissioner Immendorf, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16730

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies the placement of mural at Bernal Heights Playground and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That a maintenance agreement shall be entered into with the Bernal Heights Playground community.

APPROVED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:
Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Farrow, Immendorf, Rovetti, Ruiz, Sommer
Absent: Commissioner Mazzola

17. **ARTISTS GUILD & SF SOCIETY OF FINE ARTS**
ART SHOWS

Approval of reservations for specific sites and dates in 1994 for portions of Washington Square Park, Union Square, Marina Green and Hoover Redwood Grove (in Golden Gate Park).

Recreation Supervisor, Linda Woo, said that in the past, the dates for art group's shows on park property were all approved at one time for a full calendar year. Staff has now decided to approve only six months in advance. She outlined the rain policy for art show groups that requires them to call a designated telephone number by a certain hour on rain days. The main problem encountered this year was allowing vehicles to come into park property. In August 1992 a trial policy was granted to drive vehicles into the park one at a time accompanied by a monitor for

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ART SHOWS (Continued)

Statement of Linda Woo (Continued) safety of pedestrians. Vehicles were allowed on the park for loading and unloading only and to assist disabled artists. The City Attorney reviewed the artists' insurance and found that it would cover any possible injury from vehicles onto the plaza. She outlined the permit requirements which included a $1 Million certificate of insurance and no sales on park property.

Anna Chrasta was present to address any fee increases for artists.

Dorf Wicklas thanked the Commission for permitting vehicles onto the park because it personally helped her.

Vice President Immendorf said prohibiting vehicles onto the park was causing a hardship for some of the elderly and disabled artists. Vehicles will be permitted on park property for loading/unloading only.

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Chan, seconded by Commissioner Sommer, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16731

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the following dates of reservations for specific sites and dates in 1994:

THE ARTISTS' GUILD OF SAN FRANCISCO

Hoover Redwood Grove, Golden Gate Park

February 26 & February 27	March 26 & March 27
April 9 & April 10	April 30 & May 1
May 28 & May 29	*June 11 & June 12
*June 18 & June 19	June 25 & June 26

Washington Square Park

January 22 & January 23	February 5 & February 6
March 12 & March 13	April 2 & April 3
May 21 & May 22	*June 11 & June 12
*June 18 & June 19	

Marina Green

January 29 & January 30	February 19 & February 20
March 19 & March 20	April 16 & April 17
May 7 & May 8	

Union Square

January 15 & January 16	February 12 & February 13
March 5 & March 6	April 23 & April 24
May 14 & May 15	June 4 & June 5

*The date is dependent on the date of the North Beach Fair at Washington Square Park.

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SAN FRANCISCO SOCIETY OF FINE ARTS

Union Square

January	29	& January	30	February	26	& February	27
March	12	& March	13	April	16	& April	17
May	21	& May	22	June	25	& June	26

Washington Square Park

February	19	& February	20	March	26	& March	27
April	23	& April	24	May	28	& May	29
June	4	& June	5				

18. MARINA GREEN
FLEET WEEK CELEBRATION

Approval of a two day event at Marina Green on Saturday, October 9 and Sunday, October 10, 1993, for Fleet Week Celebration.

Recreation Supervisor, Linda Woo, explained that this item is a request to hold a two day event on Saturday and Sunday, October 9-10, 1993 at the Marina Green for the San Francisco Bay Fest Fleet Week. The request is to use the large Marina Green as a viewing area for the parade of ships, the civilian air show and the Blue Angels air show. Food, beverage and merchandise booths will be set up on the Marina Green on both days. An alcoholic beverage area will be barricaded on the Marina Green. A classic auto show will be placed on the paved parking lot area with an admission charge of $3.00 per person, $5.00 per couple. On October 10, Fleet Week will offer picnicking, volleyball, etc., for Navy personnel and their families. This is the first time the Department received a request for organized activity in conjunction with Fleet Week. The promoter must obtain a $1 Million liability insurance, a sound permit, (amplified sound will be permitted only from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm), a health permit, and a permit from Alcoholic Beverage Control. The tenting plan must be reviewed by the Park Division. The promoter must provide overnight security and portable toilets. The public will be directed to park at Crissy Field or in the Presidio. At least 2 parking control officers will be assigned to monitor the event and cite offenders. The Department's push cart vendors will be allowed to operate in conjunction with the event.

In response to Commissioner Sommer's question, Ms. Woo said in past years there were never any organized events for Fleet Week and people flocked to the Marina Green area to view the Blue Angels air show.

In response to Commissioner Chan's question, **Peter Nantell, representing Base C Productions**, said he was asked by the Mayor's Office to help organize and find funding for a Fleet Week event. The attendance figure for last year were approximately 15,000 to 20,000 people. The Military Police felt the crowd at Crissy Field area was about 40,000 people.

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FLEET WEEK CELEBRATION (Continued)

Patricia Vaughney, was of the opinion that over 67,000 people watched the Blue Angels last year. She said people park as far as Broadway to attend events at Crissy Field and that people walk on the front lawns of property owners and urinate on their steps. She said the neighbors want the promoter to be bonded for the damage to their property. She did not think enough portable toilets would be furnished and felt that the vendors and music portion of the event should be located at Crissy Field rather than the Marina Green. She explained that this event would set a precedent and that the program should be better planned. She said the community was informed of the particulars of the event three weeks ago.

Janette Barroca, asked the Commission to change the venue of the commercialized part of this event to the Embarcadero. She said the Embarcadero merchants and the Embarcadero Center would be pleased to have this event. She said all of the festivities could be relocated to the waterfront area because there will be no commuters and it is accessible via Bart or Muni. She further explained that the community was informed that this will be a yearly event and that long range plans have been made. She felt very disadvantaged from all the activities that are held year round at the Marina. She said the Blue Angels show alone will draw thousands of people to the Marina Green area and that the other activities should be located at the Embarcadero.

Joan Giradot, representing the Marina Civic Improvement & Property Owners Association, said that their 800 members urged that this permit be denied. She said the event as proposed was incompatible with the character of the neighborhood and that it would be a nightmare for the Marina given the number of people it would attract. If the Commission granted the permit, she urged that the (1) promoter post a bond sufficient to cover the cost of re-sodding the Marina Green and reimburse property owners for damage to their property, (2) provide and pay for adequate police protection, (3) hire parking and traffic control officers to cite and tow illegally parked cars, (4) pay costs to monitor noise levels, (5) clean up the entire Marina Green area by Noon, 10/11/93, (6) provide police barricades near the South side of Marina Blvd, and (7) have Commissioners attend the event to witness it.

Doug McKechnie, representing the Fleet Week Executive Committee, said this is the 14th year of the Fleet Week celebration for sea service personnel. He said he had no problem staging the party portion of the event at the Embarcadero. He said they are actively working with the community and the various organizations to control this event and to find resolutions to any of their problems.

Emerit Kalman, a boatowner, said the event does not belong at the Marina Green. He asked who approached the Commission to place this event in the Marina. He was opposed to the event.

Vice President Immergluck said the City of San Francisco is a co-sponsor of Fleet Week.

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FLEET WEEK CELEBRATION (Continued)

Gloria Fontanello, representing the Marina Neighborhood Association, felt that the sale of alcohol on the Marina Green set a dangerous precedent as did having a paid event at the Marina. She said having such an event at the Marina will invite other special interest groups to the Marina. She felt the Marina should be left as an open space area for the millions of people who use it. She urged the Commission to deny the granting of a permit.

Harold Hoogasian, President of the Marina Merchants Association, asked the Commission to deny the permit. He said his Association was not involved in any of the planning and that the Marina District has suffered significant economic impacts since the 1989 earthquake. Many of the merchants have gone out of business and it is important to support the local businesses. He was opposed to using an outside vendor. He said the Marina is a lovely neighborhood resource for the City and it should not be used as a commercial venue. He felt that Crissy Field or Golden Gate Park was better suited for the kind of foot traffic that it is expected from this event.

Superintendent of Parks, Ron deLeon, commented that in the event the Commission approved the permit, he wanted the berthholders, the Department's tenants, to be given total access, including parking, to their boats and slips.

Vice President Immendorf said he has spoken to many people in favor of and in opposition to the Fleet Week event. He explained that the City is trying this type of event for the first time and it may or may not be repeated in future years. He explained that the City expects approximately 200,000 people to participate in Fleet Week events that will generate $4 Million for the City. He said 40,000 to 60,000 people will flock to the Marina to see the Blue Angels. He spoke to the Police Department about having a sufficient number of officers assigned to the area and that there will be Coast Guard presence, Military Police in Crissy Field, and park rangers along Aquatic Park. He outlined the number of trash receptacles, the clean up procedures, recycling efforts, and number of security personnel. He further stated that the area would be steam cleaned after the event. He agreed that the local merchants should be used rather than outside vendors and that the amount of the bond should be increased. In future years, he wanted the Fleet Week event to be planned well in advance and to include the community. He assured the community that he would do everything within his power to alleviate their concerns.

Commissioner Mazzola said he had been involved in Fleet Week for the last ten years and that he intended to vote against it because the neighborhood had not been involved in the planning of the event. He felt there was enough time to change the venue. He made a motion to deny the permit. Commissioner Ruiz seconded the motion.

Commissioner Ruiz said he has never heard any commissioner ask to see resolutions as described by Commissioner Immendorf for this or that event. He asked why it took so long for the merchants to be notified of this event.

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FLEET WEEK CELEBRATION (Continued)

Peter Nantell, representing Base C Productions, explained that he was contacted in June and asked to assist in planning a revenue source for the Fleet Week event. He said he would be delighted to involve the local community and that the Fleet Week Committee requires 30% (or $30,000) of the proceeds to pay for the cost of the event. The outside vendor attends to 90% of the air shows across the country and they have the merchandise and memorabilia. He explained that he was trying to find a way to pay for the event.

In response to Commissioner Ruiz's question, Mr. Nantell said the event would lose over half its market if the activities were set up at Crissy Field because the spectators are on the Marina Green.

Commissioner Chan said the City's parks should be for the use of the entire City. He did not particularly condone a commercial activity at the Marina Green but felt it was the City's civic duty to comply. He did not think there was time to relocate the event and that the promoter would have sufficient security and police presence for the event.

Vice President Immendorf asked the promoter to involve the local merchants in the vendor activities.
Commissioner Rovetti explained that he lives in the Marina and has witnessed damage from some of the events held in this area of the City. However, with the security measures outlined by Vice President Immendorf and the assurance that the promoter will solicit use of local merchants, he could support the permit.

Commissioner Farrow felt that with the assurances made by Vice President Immendorf and with the promise that local merchants would be used she could support the granting of a permit.

Commissioner Sommer said there was not enough time to change the location of the event. She went to the fourth of July event at the Marina Green and said the Marina businesses were packed. Next year, she wanted to see the event spread out to other locations.

In response to Vice President Immendorf's question, Mr. Nantell said he would be happy to contact the local merchants to see what kind of financial return they could offer the Fleet Week Committee.

Commissioner Mazzola's motion to deny the permit failed to pass by the following vote:
Noes: Commissioners Chan, Farrow, Immendorf, Rovetti, Ruiz, Sommer
Ayes: Commissioner Mazzola

Commissioner Chan made a motion to approve the permit provided the performance bond was increased to $10,000 and that greater security presence was provided by the Military Police.

Commissioner Ruiz seconded this motion and wanted to inform the Marina Office to plan next year's event well in advance.

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FLEET WEEK CELEBRATION (Continued)

General Manager, Mary E. Burns, clarified the point that the $10,000 performance bond only covers damage to Recreation and Park Department property.

On motion of Commissioner Chan, seconded by Commissioner Ruiz, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16732

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves a two day event at Marina Green from Saturday, October 9 to Sunday, October 10, 1993, for Fleet Week Celebration.

APPROVED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:
Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Farrow, Immendorf, Rovetti, Ruiz, Sommer
Noes: Commissioner Mazzola

19. GOLDEN GATE PARK STABLES
FEE INCREASE

Approval of fee increase for goods and services at Golden Gate Park Stables, effective 10/1/93:

	Current	Requested
Board (daily ration of 1/3 bale bedding, 1 flake alfalfa; 1 flake oats)	$275	$300
Lessons		
One hour private	$30	$35
One hour semi-private (2 People)	$20	$25
One hour semi-private (3 People)	$18	$22
Group - One hour	$15	$18
No Show Fee	$10	$15
Summer Camp	$300 (20 hrs. @ $15)	$360 20 hrs. @ $18)
Outside Instructors	$6	$10
Rentals (trailside w/guide)		
one hour private	$30	$35
one hour group	$18	$20

Assistant General Manager for Administration, Phil Arnold, said that he recommended approval of the fee increase at the Committee level because it was reasonable and there had not been an increase in rates for at least 2 years. The Fees at the stables are below market and the Committee recommended approval of the fees by a vote of 2 to 1. While the current operator is on a month-to-month agreement, the Department is developing a bid package for the stables which will also include a rate increase because there are substantial capital improvements needed for the stables. The Department does not have funding for these improvements and the concessionaire will need to finance these capital improvements in the rate increases. Mr. Arnold explained that staff has now submitted

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Statement of Phil Arnold (Continued) the necessary information to the Department of City Planning to review the bid package. The actual dollar amount of necessary capital improvements is still being calculated and therefore the rate structure needed to finance these improvements is not known at this time. In order to avoid recommending two different rate structures within a short time, Mr. Arnold felt compelled to reverse his recommendation and asked that the fees not be approved at this time. He said that staff will bring to the Commission a bid package within 3 months. If staff fails to bring the package forward in that time frame, then he would present a fee increase package to the Commission.

Commissioner Chan was under the impression that the bid package was submitted to City Planning some time ago. Mr. Arnold explained that City Planning has not started its review because some of the required documentation was missing.

Jeff Morris, one of the operators at the Golden Gate Park Stables, said they were approved to be the operator in May 1990. At that time they were told that the bid package would be completed by the end of 1990. It is now 3-1/2 years later and there still is no bid package. They have been operating the stables for 20 months, on a month-to-month basis, caring for 80 horses, 15 employees, 40 boarders, and 500 students. He said costs continue to increase and they have not had a rate increase in 3 years. He asked if the Commission was going to wait 4 years before they grant a rate increase. He was upset that the staff recommendation changed in the last 48 hours and commented that it is difficult to maintain the stables when they are falling down. He requested that the Commission approve the rate increase; if they had to wait for the bid package then he felt the rates should go into effect in January.

Helen Norris, part of the management at the Stables, echoed the statements made by Mr. Morris. She said their cost of their suppliers keep increasing and they are trying to maintain the stables in reasonable condition for the public.

Mickey Dennis, felt that the rate increase was justified because the Stables is a nicely run operation. She said the fees charged are modest and underpriced if you compare them to other stables. If they were not granted the rate increase at this meeting she felt it should be granted in ninety days. She felt there was a fairness issue that needed to be considered. She said the present operators have maintained a positive attitude at the Stables.

Kathy Mroz, a boarder at the Stables, presented photographs of the Stables and displayed a board from her stall which was termite ridden and full of dry rot. She explained that she wrote to the operator about this condition and they told her they could not do anything about it as it was too costly to repair. She said the operator works to the benefit of the students but not the boarders. She felt that a rate increase should not go into effect until a bid package was completed and items were repaired. She said the barn is deteriorated and the operators were not making an effort to repair it.

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FEE INCREASE (Continued)

Carol Hamby, said the current operator has been operating on a month-to-month agreement for some time and there is no incentive for them to maintain the stables. She urged the Commission to move forward with the bid package so that an operator can be selected who has an incentive to maintain the facility. She said that stables are beautiful and it is sad to see them in a deteriorated condition.

Shay Morris, one of the operators at the Stables, explained that in the first 18 months of their tenure they spent $25,000 repairing the facility including painting, installing fire extinguishers and steam cleaning the entire facility. She said the drought and recent rain made the first cut of oats very costly. She said that a boarder's representative contacted Ms. Mroz and explained there was not sufficient funds to repair the stall. She said they are trying to perform the maintenance around the barn but that they must prioritize the projects.

Dennis Hamby, one of the Boarder's representative, said that the boarders he spoke with do not object to having a major increase, because they know it will go into refurbishing the stables. He suggested that staff issue the bid and then institute a fee increase.

Jodi Nunnari, representing the Golden Gate Park Stables Student Association, said there are over 400 students taking lessons at the Stables and that they support the sport of riding and encourage the public to ride in Golden Gate Park. She said the students generate the most money for the Stables and are happy with the current management. They understand the fee request because costs are rising and the operator needs to have a return on their investment. She was concerned that the students will bear the brunt of the fee increase when the bid package is prepared and that it could result only a select group of people being able to afford the facility.

Vice President Immendorf said this has been a long process and there was concern by the Commission that the bid package was still not prepared or ready. He hoped that staff could guarantee a bid package within 90 days.

Mr. Arnold said that he felt a rate increase is warranted but the rate increase before the Commission today would not finance major capital improvements that were necessary. However, if the fees are raised too high, some people will not be able to afford the Stables. There are many issues that had to be considered including the actual cost of the capital improvements, the term of the lease so an operator can cover their investment and what guarantee can be made that the Stable revenues will be used for improvements. He hoped to have this task completed in 3 months and vowed to make it a priority.

Commissioner Chan said the fee increase could be independent of the bid package and that another rate increase could be done after the bid was prepared. He said the rates are below market and expressed concern that the bid package would not be ready in 30 days.

Commissioner Sommer suggested that if the bid package was not ready [illegible] then the [illegible] could go into effect in January. The [illegible]

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FEE INCREASE (Continued)

Commissioner Rovetti said it would be very annoying to not have a bid package ready after 3 years of waiting. He asked Mr. Arnold to explain why it would be ready in 3 months when it was not ready in 3 years.

Mr. Arnold said there are many reasons why the bid package was not ready some of which were his staff's problem. He said that some of the proposed rate increases are not in line and he wanted to review these rates with the operators before they were approved.

Vice President Immendorf suggested that the rate increases be approved effective 1/1/94 and that staff produce the bid package prior to that time. A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the time frame of another rate increase, the cost of the capital improvements, etc.

Commissioner Sommer, made a motion which was seconded by Commissioner Chan, to approve an interim fee increase effective 10/1/93. The motion failed to pass by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioner Sommer, Chan
Noes: Commissioners Immendorf, Mazzola, Rovetti, Ruiz,
Absent: Commissioner Farrow

On motion of Commissioner Chan, seconded by Commissioner Sommer, this matter was referred to the December meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission.

20. **BEN & JERRY'S WOMAD CONCERT**
MODIFICATION OF PERMIT FEE

Approval of modification to the permit fee for the Ben & Jerry's World of Music, Arts and Dance (WOMAD) concert to be held on Sunday, September 19, 1993 at the Polo Field, Golden Gate Park.

Superintendent of Recreation, Joel Robinson, explained that staff is asking for a modification of the Commission's existing permit fee. Under the current policy, staff can allow 4 non-athletic events from 25,000 up to 100,000 in the Polo Field each year. Traditionally, 3 events of this nature have been held: Bay to Breakers, Comedy Day, and the Ben & Jerry's event. When an event fences park property and charges an entry fee, the Commission's Permit and Reservation Policy requires the Department to receive 25% of the gross gate receipts. When staff negotiated with the event promoter they felt that 25% was prohibitive. In the past, the Ben & Jerry's event was not fenced and a fee was not charged. Staff negotiated with the promoter to pay the Department a guarantee of $60,000 and to pay $1.00 per person for each person over 60,000 up to 100,000. The promoters have printed only 100,000 tickets and staff expects somewhere between 60,000-100,000 to attend this event. They plan to sell tickets at the gate but will use numbered tickets in order to obtain an accurate account of the attendance records. Mr. Robinson further explained that staff is considering a different fee structure for these events.

20. **BEN & JERRY'S WOMAD CONCERT**
MODIFICATION OF PERMIT FEE (Continued)

Commissioner Sommer voiced her concern about the $10 entrance fee. Mr. Robinson said that there will be three stages to reduce the amplified sound level.

Mr. Arnold said that one of the provisions of this permit is that 80 parking passes would be given to the promoters. He was informed that they now wanted an additional 250 passes which would would impact the Department's paid parking program.

On recommendation of the Finance and Administration Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Ruiz, seconded by Commissioner Chan, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16733

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the following permit fee for the Ben & Jerry's WOMAD concert to be held on Sunday, September 19, 1993: a guaranteed fee of $60,000 for this event, plus $1 for each person attending over 60,000 people up to 100,000 people maximum.

21. **BEN & JERRY'S WOMAD CONCERT**
SPECIAL EVENT PARKING

Approval of revocable permit to provide special event parking for the Ben & Jerry's World of Music, Arts and Dance (WOMAD) concert to be held on Sunday, September 19, 1993.

Assistant General Manager for Administration, Phil Arnold, explained that this item is staff's effort to control damage to the park as a result of large events in the Polo Field. This year every major event in the West End has been closed off to vehicles unless they wished to pay a fee to park there. The paid parking cost will be $3.00 per car. Last time a fee of $6.00 was charged and people parked in the neighborhood. Staff is not trying to force people to park in the adjoining neighborhood but to park a reasonable number in the park. If staff does not control access, people park on small trees or pathways, etc. In the future, Mr. Arnold hoped to prepare a bid package for paid parking for these type of events rather than issuing a permit each time.

On recommendation of the Finance and Administration Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Chan, seconded by Commissioner Sommer, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16734

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves a revocable permit to provide special event parking for the Ben & Jerry's World of Music, Arts and Dance (WOMAD) concert to be held on Sunday, September 19, 1993.

22. **ADULT FIELD ATHLETIC USE & PERMITS & RESERVATION PROPOSED FEE INCREASES**

Approval of proposed fee increases for adult field athletic use, and various fees for the Permits and Reservations section, effective 10/1/93.

Superintendent of Recreation, Joel Robinson, explained that this item is a request to approve adult athletic fees. When staff prepared the 1993-94 budget package it included an item which would institute a fee for children who wanted to use the Department's athletic fields. The Commission rejected that proposal and instructed staff to find the revenue from adult fees for athletic uses.

The $187,000 in revenues were needed from adult athletic fees. Staff estimates that the fees proposed would generate approximately $145,000-$155,000 from 10/1/93 to 6/30/94. He said that some of these fees were raised last year. Staff proposed increasing permit and reservation fees to meet the shortfall. The Department issues over 20,000 permits a year.

Rick Olivas, Secretary of the San Francisco Soccer League, which represents 52 adult amateur soccer teams and member of Board of Directors of California Soccer Association North, which has 204 adult amateur soccer teams in San Francisco, was surprised that there was no public involvement in the fee setting process. The fees are 300% higher than they were 2 years ago and if you do not pay, you do not play. He said the Department has realized a 300% increase in revenues but the level of service remains unchanged. He said they would like to have input into this process and to develop a fee package with other users groups who do not pay a fee such as tennis or basketball courts use. He said that if the fees continue to increase they will not be able to afford to play. He said they have been an organized soccer association since 1902 and have never been delinquent in paying their fees. He said the process seemed quite unfair.

Vice President Immendorf understood the frustrations expressed by Mr. Olivas and said that the Department budget keeps getting slashed. He said the Department has attempted to fund programs with little impact as possible. He said the Department is trying to find ways to generate revenues and to provide services with the limited resources.

In response to Commissioner Mazzola's question, Mr. Robinson outlined the fee structure and explained it is based on whether the field is lighted, whether or not a director is needed to open the field, etc.

Commissioner Ruiz suggested that Mr. Olivas contact the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor's Office to inform them that the soccer association does not like continual fee increases. These agencies determine the funding allocation to the Department.

22. **ADULT FIELD ATHLETIC USE & PERMITS & RESERVATION PROPOSED FEE INCREASES (Continued)**

On recommendation of the Finance and Administration Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Sommer, seconded by Commissioner Rovetti, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16735

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the fee increases for adult field athletic use, and various fees for the Permits and Reservations section, effective 10/1/93.

23. **GOLDEN GATE PARK CONSERVATORY AUXILIARY BUDGET**

Approval of request from the Conservatory Auxiliary for their budget expenditure for the fiscal year July 1, 1993 - June 30, 1994.

General Manager, Mary E. Burns, explained that this item was referred to the Commission without recommendation because the Conservatory budget contains some assumptions that were not accurate. The Conservatory Foundation lease requires the Commission to approve its budget. It has been found that there is an asbestos problem at the Conservatory of Flowers, although it is not located in a public area. However, the Health Department will address this problem in the upcoming budget year. This budget assumes a full year operation which will not occur if the asbestos work is performed. The work is tentatively scheduled for January or February of and will take 2 months.

Ms. Burns met with the Conservatory Foundation and a follow-up letter was sent to her that did not give the level of detail she needed. She pointed out several issues:

- It is not likely that the Conservatory will be open for all 12 months of 1993-94.
- Should the asbestos work go forward it should take place only during the middle of winter otherwise it would have to be scheduled a year from now.
- If asbestos abatement goes forward the revenue costs would have to be reduced to reflect the income from special events held at the Conservatory.
- This budget reflects, for the first time, payment for the cost of an administrator. Previously, this function was done by volunteers. There was concern that the administrator would perform some work that is not related to the lease requirements, such as membership to the Conservatory. The Foundation has verified that the administrator will keep two separate time rolls.
- When the Department finds out whether the Health Department will perform the abatement work, the budget must reflect those changes and the Commission must approve them.

Ms. Burns said she asked the City Attorney's Office to clarify who has the jurisdiction for issuance of film permits and whether the Foundation is to offer free admission to people who belong to other conservatories [illegible] lease amendment.

23. GOLDEN GATE PARK
CONSERVATORY AUXILIARY BUDGET (Continued)

Assistant General Manager, for Administration, Phil Arnold, explained that there is an outstanding issue on restricted and unrestricted funds. He had questions about the Conservatory Foundation's administrative costs.

Commissioner Sommer said there were inconsistencies in the budget such as the amount budgeted for rentals that were confusing to her.

Gary Metzler, representing the Conservatory Foundation, said that staff asked them to provide information on restricted and unrestricted administrative costs. He said they have split the timerolls to keep two time sheets and that 100% of its funds will be spent on the facility in one form or another. He said they will attempt to give a clearer answer.

On motion of Commissioner Mazzola, seconded by Commissioner Chan, this matter was referred to the next meeting of the Finance and Administration Committee.

4:45 p.m. Commissioner Farrow left the meeting.

4:45 p.m. - 5:20 p.m. the Commission convened in Executive Session on Item 24.

24. SETTLEMENT OF CLAIM

Consideration of proposed settlement of claim of Curtis Cox v. City and County of San Francisco, Superior Court #943-486, in the amount of $12,500.

On motion of Commissioner Sommer, seconded by Commissioner Mazzola, the Commission gave the City Attorney further direction regarding this claim.

APPROVED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:
Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Immendorf, Mazzola, Rovetti, Ruiz, Sommer
Absent: Commissioner Farrow

25. ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS

On motion of Commissioner Ruiz, seconded by Commissioner Chan, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16736

RESOLVED, That this Commission accepts the following gifts valued at $207,465.00, for the Recreation and Park Department:

a. From San Francisco Croquet Club, through Friends of Recreation and Parks, $2,730.00, for the Park Maintenance Fund.
b. From Champs Foundation, through Friends of Recreation and Parks, 1,500.00, for the Department's Teen Newspaper Fund.
c. From Bill Graham Foundation, through Friends of Recreation and Parks, $300.00, for the Department's Annual Teen Newspaper Outstanding Grade Award.

25. ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS — RES. NO. 16736 (Continued)

d. From Greater West Portal Neighborhood Association, through Friends of Recreation and Parks, $1,875.00, for the play engine at West Portal Playground.
e. From Poly Athletic Association and Poly Grid Club, through Friends of Recreation and Parks, $500.00, for the Kezar Equipment Fund.
f. From Hillsview Orchids, 48 seedlings for the Cool Growing Orchid collection, valued at $560.00, for the Conservatory of Flowers.
g. From the John C. Gilliland estate $200,000, to be used at the Strybing Arboretum and Botanical Gardens.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That appropriate letters of thanks shall be sent to the donors.

APPROVED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:
Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Immendorf, Mazzola, Rovetti, Ruiz, Sommer
Absent: Commissioner Farrow

25a. GOLDEN GATE PARK
APPEAL OF DENIAL OF PERMIT

Appeal of the denial of a permit from Unity Foundation to use Marx Meadow, Golden Gate Park on September 25, 1993.

Superintendent of Recreation, Joel Robinson, explained that there was a controversy over this event because staff had heard one of the entertainers slated would draw more people than Marx Meadow could accommodate. Staff has reached agreement with the event sponsor who will move his event to the Music Concourse.

Bill McCarthy, representing Unity Foundation, said Unity Foundation has the last 18 years has put on events in Golden Gate Park that are intended to bring all races and cultures of people together. He said staff felt that one of the performers (Jefferson Starship) would bring too large a crowd for Marx Meadow. He did not agree with that statement, but in the spirit of cooperation and unity, they relocated the event.

26. RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION
ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Election of President and Vice President for the balance of calendar year 1993, in accordance with Resolution No. 11334.

On motion of Commissioner Rovetti, seconded by Commissioner Ruiz, the Commission elected Jack Immendorf, President, for the balance of calendar year 1994.

APPROVED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:
Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Mazzola, Rovetti, Ruiz, Sommer
Absent: Commissioner Farrow

26. RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION
ELECTION OF OFFICERS (Continued)

On motion of Commissioner Mazzola, seconded by Commissioner Sommer, the Commission elected Sidney Chan, Vice President, for the balance of calendar year 1994.

APPROVED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:
Ayes: Commissioners Immendorf, Mazzola, Rovetti, Ruiz, Sommer
Absent: Commissioner Farrow

27. PUBLIC COMMENT

At this time members of the public may address the Commission on items that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Recreation and Park Commission. Members of the public may address the Commission for up to three minutes. The President or the Commission may limit the total testimony to 30 minutes.

Mary Serafini, Vice President of the San Francisco Archers, said there is an undeveloped park land in Pacifica that shall be saved for generations to come. She said the City of Pacifica wants to develop the area for a sewage treatment plant, through eminent domain. She said the City of Pacifica wants to place a 125' tall building the size of a football field and already has taken core samples for the Environmental Impact Report invading park property. She said this work was done without approval from Recreation and Park. There are 3 endangered species on this land including the San Francisco Garter Snake and the Mission Blue Butterfly. She urged the Commission to stop this development.

Masha Zakheim, author, explained that she wrote a book on Coit Tower in the 1970s with the intention of selling it there. The book was published with the understanding that it would be sold at the gift shop at Coit Tower and showcased at this site. She showed photographs of the gift shop wares and the book was not prominently displayed. She asked the Commission to issue a written policy on how the Coit Tower book should be displayed and sold.

Kevin Drew, the manager of the Haight Ashbury Neighborhood Council (HANC) Recycling Center, said there were some questions raised at the last Commission meeting regarding HANC and that he was very eager to respond to any concerns the Commission had about the Center. He further invited members of the Commission to visit the Center and to see the operation. He said that they have planted more greenery on the perimeter of the Center.

Patricia Vaughney said that the information presented by President Immendorf regarding Item 18 (Marina Green/Fleet Week) was incorrect. She said that Base C Productions will be paid to promote the event. She said that the Commission approved the permit without detailed mitigations such as where the police officers would be assigned, how the area will be cleaned after the event. She did not want the promoter used for next year's Fleet Week event. She said the City will lose money on this event

27. PUBLIC COMMENT (Continued)

Joan Giradot, representing the Marina Civic Improvement & Property Owners Association, asked if staff checked with Fort Mason to see what other events are being held for the 10/9-10/10/93 weekend. She said there are two other events scheduled at Fort Mason for this weekend. She suggested that, in the future before permits are issued, that staff check to see what else is going on in the area. She said too many permits are being issued for the Marina. She has been advocating coordination with the Exploratorium, Fort Mason and the Marina Green. She wanted to know if the Fleet Week was competitively bid, what percentage the event promoter would receive and if a post event audit would be conducted. She suggested that the Department coordinate with the Police Department to shutdown access to and from Doyle Drive during the event.

Mary Heinzen spoke on behalf of golfers opposed to the placement of a sewage treatment plant on Sharp Park property. As a Pacifica resident she submitted over 1000 signatures opposed to this plan. She said golfers learned of the proposal four months ago and that it may impact golfing at Sharp Park. The proposed plan will put the plant 15-20 yards from the 7th fairway and the noise will be significant from the blowers above the tanks. The emergency generator will also be noisy and will reverberate in the canyon setting of Sharp Park. She asked the Commission to oppose the placement of a sewage treatment plant on Sharp Park land.

General Manager, Mary E. Burns, explained that the Department has enlisted the help of the local Clean Water Program to evaluate what is being proposed by the City of Pacifica. She has sent a letter questioning various aspects of what is being proposed by Pacifica and informing them to look for alternative sites. However, Sharp Park is the preferred site by the City of Pacifica.

28. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Immendorf welcomed the new commissioners and vowed to work closely with the Department, his fellow commissioners and the public to do the best job he can.

President Immendorf then asked Commissioner Ruiz to comment on a new task force. A task force has been formed to review open space and funding for open space in the Mission. There will be two co-chairs, Santiago Ruiz will represent the Recreation and Park Commission and Toby Levine will represent the City Planning Commission. The Task Force will be staffed by Recreation and Park with assistance by City Planning. The task force will attempt to identify what the perceived needs are in the Mission District community and how to use the limited Open Space funding that it is available.

29. COMMISSION COMMITTEE REPORTS

The following Commission Committee reports were submitted for the record:

Special Joint Zoo Committee Meeting of July 26, 1993
Joint Zoo Committee Meeting of August 4, 1993
Finance and Administration Committee Meeting of September 2, 1993
Parks and Planning Committee Meeting of September 7, 1993
Golden Gate Park Committee Meeting of September 13, 1993

30. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Commissioner Ruiz, the meeting was adjourned in memory of Helene Greenberg, mother of Jon Greenberg, Potrero Hill Recreation Director who passed away recently.

On motion of Commissioner Chan, the meeting was adjourned in memory of Mark Perrick, a gardener for the Recreation and Park Department, who passed away recently.

On motion of Commissioner Mazzola, the meeting was adjourned in memory of Eugene Soberanes, son of Larry Economou the Painter Foreman of the Recreation and Park Department, who passed away recently.

On motion of Commissioner Sommer, the meeting was adjourned in memory of Nels Cullenward, golf writer for the Examiner, who passed away recently.

On motion of Commissioner Rovetti, the meeting was adjourned in memory of his grandfather, who planted a seedling in Golden Gate Park in the late 1800s.

There being no further business, the 685th Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shauna Marie Rose
Commission Secretary

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RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION

MINUTES

686TH REGULAR MEETING

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1993 - 2:00 P.M.

The Six Hundred and Eighty-Sixth Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Thursday, October 21, 1993, at 2:00 p.m. by President Jack Immendorf.

1. ROLL CALL

Present:
Commissioner Jack Immendorf, President
Commissioner Bella Farrow
Commissioner Vince Rovetti
Commissioner Sue Sommer
Absent:
Commissioner Sidney Chan, Vice President
Commissioner Larry Mazzola
Commissioner Santiago Ruiz

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2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Commissioner Sommer, seconded by Commissioner Rovetti, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 21, 1993, were approved as presented.

3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

General Manager, Mary E. Burns, submitted the following report:

"LAKE MERCED

Attached to this report is a letter from the Public Utilities Commissior dated October 8, 1993, in response to the Department's concerns about the falling level of Lake Merced. The above-average rainy season did not recharge the lake to the degree we had hoped it would. As of August 24, 1993, the lake was 1.85 feet lower than it was on August 24, 1992. Staff continues to communicate and meet with Water Department staff on this problem.

SAN FRANCISCO ZOO

The Expanded Partnership for the Zoo is now in effect. The Zoological Society assumed management of the Zoo on October 9, 1993. The Society will focus on three major items: 1) Renovation and Construction: renovation of the otter exhibit, construction of the Feline Conservation Center, final drawings for construction of the Leopards of Asia exhibit, and improvement in landscaping and graphics; 2) Staff structure: changing function and structure of staff to meet the needs of the institution, changes in organization, increase in staff training; 3) Major fundraising for Zoo 2000 Capital Campaign. The Founders' Fund surpassed the $10 million mark and currently totals $10.6 million.

David Anderson attended the American Association of Zoological Parks and Aquariums (AAZPA) Conference and announced the continuation of accreditation for the Zoo was approved based on the Zoo's evidence of financial stability. The Zoo was highly honored with the AAZPA Education Award for the Program, "Trail with an Attitude." This program takes Nature Trail several steps further with selected children being trained in the summer and going to the schools to train other children during the school year.

The Zoo is pleased to announced the birth of a new gorilla, which they believe is a male. The koala born on March 2 has been seen emerging from the pouch, and the Zoo has received word that our koala, "Leo," in New Orleans, has been sent a mate from the San Diego Zoo.

PARCEL 4

The City officially acquired Parcel 4 (Great Highway at Balboa) on September 24, 1993. This property will be used as a construction staging area for the Clean Water Program until 1997. After that time it will become public open space. The acquisition of the property was partially funded through the Open Space Program, and the property is under the joint jurisdiction of the Recreation and Park Department and the Department of Public Works. A memorandum of understanding between the two departments regarding Parcel 4 has been prepared by staff and will be brought to the Commission in November.

3. **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)**

KEZAR STADIUM

An existing sewer on the north side of Kezar Stadium, adjacent to the Frederick Street Plaza, collapsed. This sewer carries both sanitary flow from the restroom on the Frederick Street side as well as surface runoff. Consequently, this condition constitutes an emergency involving the health, safety and property of the citizens of the City and County of San Francisco. A request has been made to the Department of Public Works that a Class "A" emergency be declared and a contract be awarded to replace the collapsed sewer with a 10" iron stone pipe. This work will be paid for with monies from the Sewer Service Charge Repair and Replacement Fund.

PLAYGROUND SAFETY ISSUES

Last weekend the press reported that the City of Oakland had closed most of its playgrounds because of safety concerns raised in a consultant report. The Recreation and Park Department has approximately 140 playgrounds throughout the City. These playgrounds are regularly inspected by staff. However, this week we began a special survey of all of our playgrounds to ensure that we do not have any safety problems such as those identified in Oakland. The results of this special survey should be available by next week.

CARROUSEL

Renovation of the exterior of the Carrousel in Golden Gate Park began on Monday, October 18, 1993. The renovation project, which includes a new paint job and replacement of the plexiglass panels, is expected to be completed by November 4, 1993. During the work phase, however, a press conference will be held to highlight the collaborative effort and hard work of the Friends of Recreation and Parks, San Francisco Beautiful, Hyatt Corporation, Sherwin Williams Company, San Francisco Arts Commission, DPW-Bureau of Architecture, and the Recreation and Park Department. The press conference will take place at the Carrousel on Tuesday, October 26, 1993, at 12:00 noon. You are cordially invited to attend. If you would like a box lunch, please RSVP to Shauna Rose by Friday, October 22.

MISSION DISTRICT OPEN SPACE TASK FORCE

A special Open Space Task Force for the Mission District has been created to evaluate projects in the Open Space Program and to make recommendations to the Open Space Advisory Committee on project requests for the Mission District. The Task Force is chaired by Commissioner Sam Ruiz and Toby Levine, who is a member of the Planning Commission. The first meeting of the Task Force was held on Saturday, October 16. Three or four more meetings will be held and then recommendations from the Task Force will be sent to the Open Space Committee.

3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)

CAMP MATHER

The closing of Camp Mather was much different this year as compared to previous years. A much reduced work crew of seven employees performed only those procedures deemed absolutely necessary for the winterizing of camp. Those tasks included removing the diving board and floats from Birch Lake, covering the swimming pool, closing the dining hall and kitchen, tilting the picnic tables to limit snow accumulation, storing all of the bear-proof garbage containers, securing and locking all cabins, and surveying all cabins for needed repairs.

It is important to note that only half of the cabin floors received a coat of sealer and that the structural maintenance division did not send a crew to camp as has been done in the past. This closure utilized the fewest number of people possible in an effort to address budgetary concerns. Repairs and other work which is normally performed during the fall closure of Camp Mather will have to be scheduled for the 1994 opening of camp.

The 1993 Strawberry Fall Music Festival at Camp Mather was a success. The tenant sold nearly the maximum 4,000 tickets allowed by the Department, and the Department netted $50,832 from the four-day event. As usual, the festival was well organized and the tenant cleaned the camp after the event. The weather was warm and nice throughout the entire event. A small fire near the Evergreen Lodge (far away from Camp Mather) was quickly put out by the San Francisco Fire Department and the tenant.

AIRPORT COIN COLLECTION

On Monday, October 18, Supervisors Carole Midgen and Susan Leal introduced a resolution to the Board of Supervisors which would allocate proceeds from donation stations at the San Francisco Airport to the Recreation and Park Department. The donation stations have been placed in the international terminal on a trial basis. This program will be evaluated after several weeks to determine whether it should be continued on a long-term basis.

SENIOR SERVICES PLAN TASK FORCE

The Senior Services Plan Task Force has extended an invitation to commission presidents and department heads of departments which are most prominent in rendering services to the City's senior citizens to a meeting on November 9. The purpose of the meeting is to provide an update on the Task Force's planning efforts and to solicit input and participation in the development of their plan. Peter Ashe, the Department's representative on the Task Force, and I will be attending this meeting.

3. **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)**

SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS

The following claims, under $5,000, were settled by the City Attorney's Office during the month of September 1993:

Riley, Joanne Lew	$ 213.00	Shield, Michael S.	$473.54
Domenici, Michael	1,121.26	Johnson, James W.	245.97
Schaumer, Addison D.	4,999.00	Starr, Dion, J.	533.92
Welles, Penny W.	275.00	Friel, James	337.06
Short, Geraldine	450.00	Durden, Linda	333.14

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

The Board of Superivsors' Health, Public Safety and Environment Committee considered two items on 10/19/93. One item was a proposed amnesty program for anyone that has been arrested through the Mayor's Matrix Program. Many of the citations have to do with camping or sleeping overnight in parks. The proposed legislation would give amnesty for anybody arrested for a 180 period starting 8/1/93. This proposal would impact the ability of the Park Division staff to perform their work. There have been dangerous encounters with gardeners arousing those sleeping who do not wish to be disturbed. The second measure considered was a resolution to urge the Mayor to urge the Recreation and Park Commission to allow free food distribution in selected parks. I urge the Commission to contact members of the Board of Supervisors regarding these two items.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday, October 26, 1993	Press Conference at Carrousel, Golden Gate Park; 12:00 noon
Tuesday, November 2, 1993	Parks and Planning Committee; 4:00 p.m.; McLaren Lodge
Wednesday, November 3, 1993	Joint Zoo Committee Meeting; 4:30 p.m. tour, 5:00 p.m. meeting; Education Classroom, San Francisco Zoo
Thursday, November 4, 1993	Finance and Candlestick Committee; 4:00 p.m.; McLaren Lodge
Thursday, November 11, 1993	Veterans Day Holiday"

4. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

All matters listed hereunder constitute a Consent Calendar, are considered to be routine by the Recreation and Park Commission and will be acted upon by a single roll call vote of the Commission. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member so requests, in which event the matter shall be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered as a separate item.

On motion of Commissioner Farrow, seconded by Commissioner Rovetti, ratification of the following resolutions, which are processed under Resolution No. 13572:

a. **PERSONNEL MATTERS** — **RES. NO. 16737**

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies the actions taken by the General Manager regarding personnel matters during the period September 3, 1993 through October 6, 1993.

b. **STRYBING ARBORETUM & BOTANICAL GARDENS** — **RES. NO. 16738**
DEVELOPMENT OF MASTER PLAN
STRYBING ARBORETUM SOCIETY

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the Strybing Arboretum Society to develop a Master Plan for Strybing Arboretum & Botanical Gardens and Renovation of San Francisco County Fair Building in Golden Gate Park.

c. **UPPER NOE PLAYGROUND** — **RES. NO. 16739**
BLEACHERS

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the proposal to install bleachers at the ball diamond at Upper Noe Playground.

d. **UNION SQUARE - MENORAH LIGHTING CEREMONIES** — **RES. NO. 16740**
MULTIPLE DAY EVENT

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves a multiple day event to place a Menorah at Union Square from Tuesday, December 7, 1993 through Friday, December 17, 1993, for the Annual Chabad Chanukah Menorah Lighting Ceremonies.

e. **GREAT HIGHWAY - 18TH ANNUAL ZOO RUN** — **RES. NO. 16741**
ROAD CLOSURE

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves a road closure on Great Highway for the 18th Annual Zoo Run on Sunday, January 23, 1994, from 5 a.m. until 11 a.m.

f. **GOLDEN GATE PARK** — **RES. NO. 16742**
STRYBING ARBORETUM SOCIETY
REVOCABLE FOOD VENDING PERMIT

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves a one year Revocable Food Vending Permit at the Strybing Arboretum.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR (Continued)

g. GOLDEN GATE PARK — RES. NO. 16743
TENNIS CONCESSION BID SCORES
AWARD OF BID

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the Golden Gate Park Tennis Concession Bid Scores and Award of Bid to Sharon Nivens and John Huebner, dba: Tennis Mastery.

h. CANDLESTICK PARK — RES. NO. 16744
SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS
PLAYER'S PARKING LOT
APPROVAL OF RENT CREDIT

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the request to enlarge the player's parking lot at Candlestick Park and a rent credit to the San Francisco 49ers not to exceed $10,000.

i. GOLDEN GATE PARK MASTER PLAN — RES. NO. 16745
CONTRACT MODIFICATION

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the contract modification to Royston Hannamoto Alley and Abey in the amount of $85,000 for phase II, tasks 3 and 4 of the master plan.

Note for the Record: Items 4j, Item 4k & Item 4l were removed from the Consent Calendar and considered separately.

j. GOLDEN GATE PARK
CONSERVATORY OF FLOWERS
CONSERVATORY FOUNDATION 1993-94 BUDGET

Approval of Conservatory Foundation 1993-94 Budget for the operation of the Conservatory of Flowers.

Commissioner Sommer explained that she was troubled with the amount of unrestricted funds in the Conservatory Foundation's budget. She wanted to have some of the money in the unrestricted funds set aside to repair the rose house (green house) behind the Conservatory. She was opposed to adopting the budget as presented.

Commissioner Sommer made a motion to deny the Conservatory Foundation's budget; the motion failed due to a lack of a second.

President Immendorf said that several meetings have been held with the Conservatory Foundation on their budget and felt that it should be approved.

A motion was made by Commissioner Immendorf, seconded by Commissioner Rovetti, to approved the Conservatory Foundation Budget. The motion failed to pass by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioner Farrow, Immendorf, Rovetti
Noes: Commissioner Sommer
Absent: Commissioner Chan, Mazzola, Ruiz

Note for the Record: Commissioner Ruiz arrived at the meeting at 4:4 p.m. On motion of Commissioner Rovetti, seconded by Commissioner Ruiz the Commission voted to reconsider Item 4j, the Conservatory Foundatio Budget.

j. **GOLDEN GATE PARK**
CONSERVATORY OF FLOWERS
CONSERVATORY FOUNDATION 1993-94 BUDGET (Continued)

Assistant General Manager for Administration, Phil Arnold, explaine that the Conservatory Foundation has two separate funds, one fund called the restricted fund, is money received from the concessio agreement with the Department; the other fund, called the unrestricte fund, is money received from dues and donations. The Commission doe not approve the unrestricted funds. The Foundation has budgete increases to the restricted funds to support the operation an maintenance of the Conservatory and an increase in their staff. It i not known what the Foundation will do if they do not reach th projected revenues although they informed the Department that the would reduce the amount of money set aside for the Conservatory' operation and maintenance. Mr. Arnold said the Foundation is doin good work for the Conservatory although he would prefer them to mak more of a commitment to maintain the Conservatory by pledging to us some of the unrestricted funds if necessary. The Foundation did no want to make that commitment.

General Manager, Mary E. Burns, gave some historical background o the Conservatory Foundation, explaining that it was originally a outgrowth of the San Francisco Garden Club. The Garden Club adopte the Conservatory of Flowers some time ago and held fund raisers t benefit the Conservatory. A group of people involved in the Garde Club, whose sole interest was the Conservatory, decided to form separate organization to focus only on the Conservatory. They raise money for a Master Plan for the Conservatory. Recently, th Foundation began collecting admission fees for the Department. Th budget before the Commission is a big shift and much of their money i allocated on membership activities.

Commissioner Sommer said that the budget provides for substantia increases in their administrative budget. She said the rose hous behind the Conservatory is falling apart and needs repair. Th $60,000 in unrestricted funds is a large portion of their budget an they will not make any promise to put some of that money back into th Conservatory.

Commissioner Ruiz asked if the Conservatory Foundation had a missio statement and asked if the Department had a copy of its bylaws.

President Immendorf said he felt there has been some communicatio problems with the Foundation but denying approval of the budget wil not resolve this problem and the issue with the unrestricted funds.

Superintendent of Parks, Ron deLeon, explained that there is a larg amount of unrestricted funds. He was told that these funds cannot b used other than to increase their membership. He felt that staf needed to meet with the Conservatory Foundation on a regular basis an see if a portion of the funds can be utilized for maintenance o operations.

j. **GOLDEN GATE PARK**
CONSERVATORY OF FLOWERS
CONSERVATORY FOUNDATION 1993-94 BUDGET (Continued)

Commissioner Ruiz asked if the budget could be approved with contingencies. He felt that the Foundation's focus could be directed to the goals of the Department. He said that it might be helpful to view the Foundation's mission statement.

A lengthy discussion took place on ways the Department and Commission could work with the Foundation to achieve the same goals. It was suggested that the Commission minutes which originally established the Conservatory Foundation should be researched. It was also noted that the Foundation has continued to operate without a budget and approving it will be viewed as a good faith gesture on the part of the Commission.

President Immendorf recommended that the budget be approved without any stipulations as a sign of good faith and to achieve a better attitude.

Commissioner Rovetti said that communication is a key tool and perhaps staff should work more with the Conservatory Foundation to reach the same goals.

On motion of Commissioner Rovetti, seconded by Commissioner Ruiz, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16756

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the Conservatory Foundation 1993-94 Budget for the operation of the Conservatory of Flowers.

Ayes: Commissioner Farrow, Immendorf, Rovetti, Ruiz
Noes: Commissioner Sommer
Absent: Commissioner Chan, Mazzola

k. **JUSTIN HERMAN PLAZA**
TEMPORARY ICE RINK

Approval of the installation of a temporary ice rink at Justin Herman Plaza by the Embarcadero Center during the period November 11, 1993 to January 31, 1994.

Assistant General Manager for Administration, Phil Arnold, explained that last year when the Commission approved this event it modified the Permit and Reservation Policy to allow amplified sound for a specified time period. This year, the ice rink event will operate from 11/16/93 to 1/31/94. Therefore, the Commission needed to again, modify the Permit and Reservation Policy to allow amplified sound at Justin Herman Plaza between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. during the period November 19 through January 31.

President Immendorf said he would like the Department to have been paid for the use of Justin Herman Plaza and to have children skate free of charge. The Commission has been asked to co-sponsor the event and, thus, will not be paid for the use of the space. He said this event will be a holiday gift to the City.

k. **JUSTIN HERMAN PLAZA**
TEMPORARY ICE RINK (Continued)

In response to Commissioner Rovetti's question, Mr. Arnold explained that the permittee will be required to have insurance in order to obtain a permit from the Department.

In response to Commissioner Sommer's question, Mr. Arnold said that last year no complaints were received from the Hyatt Hotel on the modification of amplified sound restriction at Justin Herman Plaza.

On motion of Commissioner Sommer, seconded by Commissioner Rovetti, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16746

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the installation of a temporary ice rink at Justin Herman Plaza by the Embarcadero Center during the period November 11, 1993 to January 31, 1994, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Permit and Reservation Policy is hereby amended to allow amplified sound at Justin Herman Plaza between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. during the period November 1 through January 31.

l. **SAN FRANCISCO YACHT HARBOR**
EMERGENCY DREDGING CONTRACT

Ratification of the emergency dredging contract to remove the beach formation at the entrance to the west basin of the San Francisco Yacht Harbor.

Emeric Kalman, said the issue of dredging the Yacht Harbor is not new and that since 1990 emergency dredging was required in the West Harbor. He said the dredging project is now about 30% complete. He said there were big problems at the Marina and wanted to know why it took so long to begin the dredging project, how much money was lost because the dredging work was not done in a timely fashion and what can be done to perform more dredging.

President Immendorf said that some of Mr. Kalman's points were valid and that there was a potential danger for residents of the Marina in case of fire because the Fireboat needed to access to the Harbor. There are considerable problems inside the harbor where some berth holders cannot enter the harbor. He said Recreation and Park has to formulate a maintenance dredging program for the Marina Yacht Harbor and to set up a plan whereby the necessary permits are on file at all times.

On recommendation of the Golf, Yacht Harbor and Camp Mather Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Farrow, seconded by Commissioner Rovetti, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16747

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies the emergency dredging contract to remove the beach formation at the entrance to the west basin of the San Francisco Yacht Harbor.

GENERAL CALENDAR

5. **SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS**
ANIMAL TRANSACTIONS

Zoo Director, David Anderson, explained the animal transactions: the pea fowl were donated to a private party, the King Snake was donated to Marine World for their education program, and the American Alligator was donated to the Audobon Zoo for its education program. The off spring of a snow leopard, currently on a breeding loan to the St. Louis Zoo, was donated to the Tautphaus Park Zoo.

On motion of Commissioner Rovetti, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16748

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies the following animal transactions (processed under Resolution No. 13572) for the San Francisco Zoological Gardens:

DONATION TO:	Dr. Anthony J. Errichetti 295 Lenox Avenue Oakland, CA 94610
One (1) male and six (6) Peafowl	
DONATION TO:	Marine World Parkway Vallejo, CA 94589 USDA 93-C-021
One (1) King Snake, sex unknown	
DONATION:	Audobon Zoo P. O. Box 4327 New Orleans, LA 70178, USDA #72-C-004
One (1) American Alligator, sex unknown	
DONATION OF OFFSPRING FROM BREEDING LOAN:	Tautphaus Park Zoo P. O. Box 50220 Idaho Fall, ID 83405, USDA #82-C-005
One (1) Male Snow Leopard	

6. **SHARP PARK**
PRESENTATION BY CITY OF PACIFICA
PROPOSED SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT

Presentation by the City of Pacifica regarding the proposed sewage treatment plant at Sharp Park.

Park Planner, Deborah Learner, explained that the City of Pacifica will update the Commission on the status of their planing process to construct sewage facilities. Sharp Park, which is located in Pacifica, is owned by the Recreation and Park Commission and is the site of a golf course operated by the Department. Pacifica is planning the replacement of its secondary wastewater treatment plant and getting ready to build a tertiary treatment facility. Currently, Pacifica's treatment plant is located in the town area with an ocean outfall. Pacifica has been developing a facilities plan which identifies locations within Sharp Park as a desirable site for locating a new treatment facility.

6. **SHARP PARK**
PRESENTATION BY CITY OF PACIFICA
PROPOSED SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT (Continued)

Ms. Learner displayed preliminary drawings showing the proposed sewe treatment plant proposal on Sharp Park property. The Environmental Impac Report states that all other alternative sites for upgrading the existin treatment plant were rejected. The Sharp Park site has been strongl identified by the City of Pacifica for a sewage treatment plant.

Tim Molinari, Director of Engineering Services for the City of Pacifica explained that the Sharp Park site is one of many alternatives tha Pacifica is considering for its sewage treatment plant. A dozen of site have been reviewed by Pacifica which is under a cease and desist order t improve its sewage treatment facilities.

Scott Holmes, Project Director for the Sewer Treatment Plant, City o Pacifica, said the City of Pacifica has looked at a number of outfal sites and narrowed them down to three viable locations. The Laguna Salad area has potential environmental problems because there is an existin habitat at this site. A quarry area is also under consideration as well a Rockaway Beach. Mr. Hughes described the ocean outfall, treatment proces and the deep water discharge. The cease and desist order cites a lack c ability to treat wet weather flows and other issues which must be resolve in the next 3-5 years.

Mr. Holmes said the Sharp Park property will have minimal impact to th area in terms of noise and odor. There are no facilities on the propert and the City of San Francisco will benefit if the land is turned over t Pacifica. San Francisco could receive an irrigation system and water whic is beneficial since the area is now manually irrigated. He said th existing plant has many problems that preclude an expansion.

The City of Pacifica will have 8 different consultants analyze the sewag treatment plant options and make recommendations. They will consider th sites selected and consider issues relating to noise, odor and visua effects of a plant.

In response to President Immendorf's question, Mr. Holmes said that th Regional Board wants a site selected by March 30, 1994.

Commissioner Sommer said she did not want the plant sited on the Sharp Par Golf Course.

Commissioner Rovetti said he welcomed an open discussion on this issue bu wanted to hear from the community. He asked if economically, there was better site.

Mr. Holmes said the Sharp Park site is probably the most expensive sit The 8 consultants will develop a group of alternatives independent of wha Mr. Holmes has selected.

Vi Gotelli, councilwoman for the City of Pacifica, said the City Pacifica is under a very strict timeline and that feedback from S Francisco is very important to the process.

6. **SHARP PARK**
PRESENTATION BY CITY OF PACIFICA
PROPOSED SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT (Continued)

General Manager, Mary E. Burns, said there have been many conversations on this issue and the City's Clean Water Program will be reviewing the proposal as it develops. She said the Department has viewed the program with an open mind but with a great deal of qualms as to whether or not the benefits would outway the negatives. She said the information flow between the agencies has not been as good as it should be.

Mary Serafini, representing the San Francisco Archers, asked the Commission to not give Pacifica the land they want for the sewage treatment plant. She said the land was deeded to San Francisco in 1913 for recreational use. She said that if the plant was on Sharp Park land it would interfere with the archery range with noisy machinery and trucks in the area. She said people enjoy the trees, wildlife and quiet serenity of the area and that there were other viable sites. She urged the Commission to consider the importance of the land, the ecology of the area and the endangered species that call Sharp Park home.

Mary Heinzen, explained that she spoke on behalf of golfers opposed to the location of the sewage treatment plant on Sharp Park and as a resident of Pacifica. She said that Pacifica's use of this land is not necessary. Pacifica owns 2 of the 4 sites under consideration and the owner of the land of the 3rd site, the quarry, has offered to donate the land to the plant. Pacifica has not seriously considered other sites. She said the terms of the deed would be violated if the San Francisco bargained away park land. She urged the Commission to staunchly defend and protect Sharp Park.

Judi Sullivan, read a statement from William Bradford, relating to issues if the plant were placed on Sharp Park land. He was concerned that if the plant was permitted and then in future years Pacifica needed more sewage treatment plant capacity would it expand on Sharp Park land or would it relocate to another location. He urged the Commission to consider that the placement of this plant on Sharp Park could be the beginning of the end of the San Francisco's recreational land.

7. **CATHAY MORTUARY**
AWARD OF CONTRACT

Approval of award of contract to Coastal Project Management, Inc., in the amount of $47,000 to demolish the Cathay Mortuary site for the new Chinatown Park.

Park Planner, Deborah Learner, explained that award of a demolition contract has been considered on two separate occasions by the Commission. The previous bidders were unable to secure bonds for this project. The third bidder, Coastal Project Management, is a firm that the Department has worked with and is now part of the rehabilitation project of Portsmouth Square.

In response to President Immendorf's question, Ms. Learner explained that the cost of this contract is $7,000 more than the last bid.

7. **CATHAY MORTUARY**
AWARD OF CONTRACT (Continued)

On recommendation of the Finance and Candlestick Committee, and on motic of Commissioner Farrow, seconded by Commissioner Sommer, the followin resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16749

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the award of contract to Coasta Project Management, Inc., in the amount of $47,000 to demolish the Catha Mortuary site for the new Chinatown Park.

8. **RACE FOR THE CURE**
ROAD CLOSURES

Approval of road closures in Golden Gate Park for the "Race for the Cure to be held on Sunday, October 24, 1993 from 8:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m.

Superintendent of Recreation, Joel Robinson, explained that this item i a request to approve the road closures for a benefit race for research fc breast cancer. The race is a 5k run or walk. There will be a post rac event at Sharon Meadow at 9:00 a.m. and approximately 5000 runners ar expected. Last year's event was held without problems.

General Manager, Mary E. Burns, explained that in one of the past yeai the event use amplified sound very early in the morning.

On motion of Commissioner Sommer, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, th following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16750

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the road closures in Golden Ga Park for the "Race for the Cure" to be held on Sunday, October 24, 19 from 8:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m.

9. **GREAT HIGHWAY**
SAN FRANCISCO HALF MARATHON
ROAD CLOSURE

Approval of Road Closure on Great Highway for the 1994 San Francisco Ha Marathon on Sunday, January 30, 1994, from 7 a.m. until 11 a.m.

Superintendent of Recreation, Joel Robinson, explained that this item a request for a road closure on 1/30/94. A diagram of the road closure w presented to the Commission. At the Committee level, concern was express that golfers should be given access to the Golden Gate Park Golf Cour during the road closure. Mr. Robinson said the permittee will have monitor at the road closure to provide access to the golf course. recommended approval of the event.

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning Committee, and on motion Commissioner Farrow, seconded by Commissioner Rovetti, the followi resolution was adopted:

9 . **GREAT HIGHWAY**
SAN FRANCISCO HALF MARATHON
ROAD CLOSURE (Continued)

RES. NO. 16751

RESOLVED, That This Commission approves the road closure on Great Highway for the 1994 San Francisco Half Marathon on Sunday, January 30, 1994, from 7 a.m. until 11 a.m.

10. **UNION SQUARE**
MACY'S CHRISTMAS TREE CELEBRATION
MULTIPLE DAY EVENT

Approval of a multiple day event to install and display a Christmas Tree in Union Square from Monday, November 15, 1993 through Friday, December 31, 1993.

Superintendent of Recreation, Joel Robinson, explained that this item is a request from Macy's to place a large Christmas tree at Union Square on the day after Thanksgiving. He said this event is a positive activity for the holiday season. Macy's has informed staff that they will not have any banners or commercial activities associated with this event. Based on the requirements outlined in the staff memorandum, he recommended approval. The tree is mulched after the holidays and given to the Department.

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Sommer, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16752

RESOLVED, That This Commission approves the multiple day event to install and display a Christmas Tree in Union Square from Monday, November 15, 1993 through Friday, December 31, 1993.

11. **GOLDEN GATE PARK**
BEACH CHALET
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR RESTAURANT/RETAIL OPERATIONS (RFP)

Approval of Beach Chalet Bid Package (Request For Proposals) for restaurant and retail operations at the Beach Chalet.

Assistant General Manager for Administration, Phil Arnold, explained that this item is a request for proposals for a concession agreement for the upper floor at Beach Chalet. The grant recently received by the Department for the Beach Chalet will not fund concession-type activities but will fund preservation activities; but it does allow the Department to receive parallel funding. Staff is looking for someone to set up an operation in the building to generate enough money to maintain it. The Department wants someone who is sensitive to the art work in the building and who will maintain the parking lot, the downstairs restroom, and the front door when the concession is in operation. The Department will perform the external maintenance. Finance Committee recommended a minimum rent of $5000 a month, two year's experience and 90 days to circulate the bid. Mr. Arnold said that since the grant has not been formally received the bid could be circulated 120 days.

11. **GOLDEN GATE PARK**
BEACH CHALET
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR RESTAURANT/RETAIL OPERATIONS (RFP) (Continued)

Commissioner Sommer wanted precautions taken that items sold at the Bea Chalet would be tasteful. She said the Beach Chalet is a historic building that needs to be cared for.

Mr. Arnold said the bid package asks that the concession be related recreation and environment and that staff did not want the facility to lo like a junk store.

In response to President Immendorf's question, Mr. Arnold said that sta hoped to advertise the first week in November. President Immendorf furth explained that prior bid packages required the successful bidder to make Million of capital improvements. All of those bids were non-responsi because of the cost of the capital improvements. With the receipt of t grant, this bid package will be much more attractive for bidders.

On recommendation of the Finance and Administration Committee, and motion of Commissioner Sommer, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, t following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16753

RESOLVED, That This Commission approves the Beach Chalet Bid Packa (Request For Proposals).for restaurant and retail operations at the Bea Chalet with the following provisions:

°120 days to advertise the bid
°$5,000 minimum rent per month
°Minimum of 2 years experience in the business proposed

12. **PACIFIC ROD AND GUN CLUB**
AMENDMENT OF AGREEMENT

Approval of Amendment of Agreement with Pacific Rod and Gun Club to lim days and hours of operation.

Assistant General Manager for Administration, Phil Arnold, explained th the original staff recommendation suggested that the Pacific Rod and G Club shoot on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays from 11:00 a.m. to 5: p.m. The Club has now been shooting on Fridays and on some holidays. T Finance Committee asked staff to meet with the Club in an attempt to rea a compromise. Staff met with representatives of the Club and Oakwo Apartments and reached a compromise that would grant the Club the right shoot Wednesday, Saturdays and Sundays. The club needs extra hours for i tournaments (8 to 10 per year) because of the number of people shootin On those days they may shoot beginning at 10:00 a.m., and, if necessar beyond 5:00 p.m. However, in no case will there be more than 30 ext hours per year of those extended times. The Club will not shoot specified holidays (4th of July and Labor Day) with the exception of N Year's of 1994.

12. **PACIFIC ROD AND GUN CLUB**
AMENDMENT OF AGREEMENT (Continued)

Tina DiRienzo, hoped the Club would adhere to the regulations. She wanted the Commission to consider the appropriateness of shooting at Lake Merced and said that studies show that the Club is violating acceptable noise levels. She explained that a compromise was reached because there was no other alternative. Ms. DiRienzo said the preferred alternative was to have the Club not shoot at all; and also felt that Regional Water Quality Control Board might cite the Club for shooting lead. She thought it was appropriate to have the Club pay the clean up costs (from the lead shot) rather than the Department.

Carol Mindey, said she first took an interest in the Pacific Rod and Gun Club in 1990 when she learned about the lead shot in Lake Merced and became disturbed by the noise. She explained that a couple with two young children rented an Oakwood apartment and moved after being subjected to four days of consecutive shooting over a Thanksgiving holiday. She, too, needed her relaxation on the weekend, and has elected to move to a back apartment because of the noise. Ms. Mindey stated that she would not give up her fight to get the Pacific Rod and Gun Club out of the Lake Merced site.

Lawrence Nolan, President of the Pacific Rod & Gun Club, said that he met with the Oakwood tenants and with Department staff and will abide by the days outlined by staff.

Commissioner Rovetti said that he could hear the shots from the Club when he golfs at Olympic Club. He asked if the Department had provision to clean up Lake Merced.

General Manager, Mary E. Burns, explained that many months ago the Regional Water Quality Control Board asked the Club to conduct a study to look at the impact of environmental damage that may be caused to fish, wildlife and plantlife and the extent of the toxic material. The Club did not pay for the study. The City, as the landlord, paid for the study which cost $140,000. The study has been completed and has been submitted to the Regional Water Quality Control Board which has issued a draft cease and desist order calling for the discontinuance of discharge of lead shot and cessation of use of clay pigeons for skeet shooting. That order is to be heard before the Board in November and sets out a timetable for clean up. Staff also received a report that said the Club is in violation of the City's Noise ordinance but it was unclear whether the impact was east or north of the Club. Staff has contacted the Police Department for clarification and has not received a response. Nevertheless, the clean-up of the Lake will have to take place.

Commissioner Rovetti said the person who holds that lease should be responsible for clean up. He said the Commission should look into this issue.

Commissioner Sommer said that very early in the morning she can hear the shooting, when she plays golf and when she visits the Zoo. She said that she cannot escape the noise. She was annoyed that the Club changed the hours without any approval from the Commission.

12. **PACIFIC ROD AND GUN CLUB**
AMENDMENT OF AGREEMENT (Continued)

On motion of Commissioner Sommer, seconded by Commissioner Rovetti, th following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16754

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves an amendment to the Agreement wi Pacific Rod and Gun Club to limit days and hours of operation as follows:

Hours and Days of Operation Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday from 11:(a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Sanctioned Shoots (Tournaments) 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. However, th Club may shoot after 5:00 p.m. if necessary to finish competition round: The tournament hours in addition to the normal 11:00 a.m to 5:00 p.m. hou shall be limited to 30 hours per year of additional shooting time. Th Club shall give at least thirty (30) days written notice to the Proper Management Division of the Recreation and Park Department and the Manag of the Oakwood Apartments of the date of the sanctioned shoots.

Holidays There shall be no shooting on the following holidays: N Year's Day, Martin Luther King Day, President's Day, Easter Sunda Memorial Day, Columbus Day, Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas D and New Year's Eve. Shooting shall be allowed on the Fourth of July a Labor Day.

For 1994 only, the Club may shoot on New Year's Day.

4:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
The Commission convened in Executive Session on Item 13 & 14.

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13. **SETTLEMENT OF CLAIM**

The City Attorney informed the Commission on the judgement of the claim Julio Godoy vs. City and County of San Francisco, Superior Court #941-44 in the amount of $35,000. The Commission took no formal action on th matter.

14. **SETTLEMENT OF CLAIM**

On motion of Commissioner Rovetti, seconded by Commissioner Sommer, t Commission rejected the proposed settlement of the claim of Shawn Thom Melton vs. City and County of San Francisco, Superior Court #933-130, the amount of $36,500.

15. ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS

On motion of Commissioner Farrow, seconded by Commissioner Rovetti, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16755

RESOLVED, That this Commission accepts the following gifts valued at $4,300.00, for the Recreation and Park Department:

a. From San Francisco Beautiful, through Friends of Recreation and Parks, $1,000.00, for Tulip Garden Fund.

b. From Mr. and Mrs. William A. Meyer, through Friends of Recreation and Parks, $500.00, for the Midnight Basketball Fund.

c. From Kikkoman International, Inc., through Friends of Recreation and Parks, $1,000.00, for the Neighborhood Volunteer Services Fund.

d. From Mrs. Charmly S. Ingham, through Friends of Recreation and Parks, $500.00, for the Park Maintenance Fund.

e. From Lamson Brothers, through Friends of Recreation and Parks, $1,300.00, for the Midnight Basketball Fund.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That letters of thanks shall be sent to the donors.

16. PUBLIC COMMENT

At this time members of the public may address the Commission on items that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Recreation and Park Commission. Members of the public may address the Commission for up to three minutes. The President or the Commission may limit the total testimony to 30 minutes.

Emeric Kalman, a resident of the City and berth holder at the Marina said it was time to consider an investigation of the Marina Yacht Harbor. He said the accounting figures for berth rates are misleading because they try to justify a berth rate increase. He said a public meeting was held with over 70 berth holders attending and they were outraged. He said Recreation and Park cannot account for the money spent at the Marina Yacht Harbor but he can account $500,000 of public money wasted.

Lena Emmery,, said she has written to the Commission on numerous occasions regarding the Haight Ashbury Neighborhood Council Recycling Center. She said it was an outrage that an industrial facility remains on park land when it is not a recreational activity. She said that people who use the Kezar Stadium track can smell the center. She did not understand why the Commission wouldn't take steps to remove the recycling center when the City now has curbside recycling and a recycling center at USF campus. She said Special Olympics uses Kezar Stadium and the recycling center land could be put to use for disabled people.

16. PUBLIC COMMENT (Continued)

Joan Girardot, representing the Marina Civic Improvement and Propert Owners Association, discussed the Fleet Week celebration held at th Marina and displayed photographs of the event. She said there was a incident where free beer was dispensed outside the designated area. Sh said there was sufficient police presence but not enough garbag receptacles. She felt that this kind of event did not belong on the Marir Green and asked if an audit was going to be conducted and commented tha commercial events should not be held at the Marina.

President Immendorf said that the garbage receptacles were emptied each da of the event but, unfortunately, not during the event. He also noted tha the police barricades were not removed in a timely fashion. The rai reduced the expected turnout but a local vendor was used. He assured Ms Girardot that the Commission was sensitive to her concerns and that with year's planning for Fleet Week in 1994, an appropriate place could be found

17. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The President did not submit a report.

18. COMMISSION COMMITTEE REPORTS

The following Commission Committee reports were be submitted for the record

Joint Zoo Committee Meeting of September 1, 1993
Parks and Planning Committee Meeting of October 5, 1993
Finance and Candlestick Committee Meeting of October 7, 1993
Golf, Yacht Harbor, Camp Mather Committee Meeting of October 12, 1993

19. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Commissioner Rovetti, the meeting was adjourned in memory o Jan Higgins, former secretary to the General Manager, Recreation and Par Department, who passed away recently.

On motion of Commissioner Ruiz, the meeting was adjourned in memory o Justin "Bumper" Smith, a part-time recreation director, who passed awa recently.

On motion of Commissioner Sommer, the meeting was adjourned in memory o Jack Gage, partner with Joan Lantz, the lessees at Sharp Park Golf Course.

There being no further business, t 686th Meeting of the Recreation a Park Commission was adjourned 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shauna Marie Rose
Commission Secretary

Note: These minutes set forth all actions taken by the Recreation and Park Commission on matters stated, but not necessarily the chronological order in which the matters were taken up.

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687TH REGULAR MEETING

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 1993 - 2:00 P.M.

The Six Hundred and Eighty-Seventh Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Thursday, November 18, 1993, at 2:00 p.m. by President Jack Immendorf.

1. **ROLL CALL**

Present:
Commissioner Jack Immendorf, President
Commissioner Sidney Chan, Vice President
Commissioner Bella Farrow
Commissioner Larry Mazzola
Commissioner Vince Rovetti
Commissioner Santiago Ruiz
Commissioner Sue Sommer

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On motion of Commissioner Sommer, seconded by Commissioner Ruiz, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 21, 1993, were approved as corrected.

3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

General Manager, Mary E. Burns, submitted the following report:

"BUDGET UPDATE - FISCAL YEAR 1994-95

The Mayor has issued preliminary instructions for the preparation of the 1994-95 budget. These instructions require most departments (including the Recreation and Park Department) to absorb all increases in uncontrollable fixed costs, including costs of salary and benefits increases for employees. In order to meet this requirement, the Recreation and Park Department will need to identify between $700,000 and $1 million in expenditure reductions from the current budget and/or revenue increases. Departments are also being directed to reduce upper and middle management positions, reduce administrative costs by a minimum of 10% without reducing service levels, eliminate a minimum of 50% of all vacant positions and contract out services if contracting will produce an expenditure reduction. Department budget requests are due to the Mayor by February 1, 1994.

MISSION DISTRICT OPEN SPACE TASK FORCE

On Monday of this week the Mission District Open Space Task Force held its second meeting. Approximately thirty people attended of what was intended to be an information-gathering session regarding open space needs in the Mission and long-range plans for the Mission regarding parks, schools and housing. Staff from the Recreation and Park Department and City Planning Department provided information on parks, open spaces, proposed projects and City Masterplan considerations. The School District's plan for the public schools in the Mission will be the subject of a public hearing on November 30 at the Mission Recreation Center. There was no representative from the Housing Authority at the meeting.

CATHAY MORTUARY DEMOLITION

Demolition of the Cathay Mortuary is now in progress and should be concluded by the end of the month. Construction of the new recreation building should start by June, 1994. In the interim period, a minimal irrigation system will be installed, a naturalistic meadow seeded and possibly several boxed trees set out on the site. Appropriate signage will be affixed to a perimeter fence announcing in English and Chinese the plans and schedule for the new park.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AMNESTY PROPOSAL/FOOD DISTRIBUTION ORDINANCE

On October 25, 1993, the Board of Supervisors considered an ordinance sponsored by Supervisor Angela Alioto which would grant amnesty to those cited for violating certain sections of the Park Code. This ordinance would have sanctioned camping in our parks and created an increased presence of garbage, human feces and drug paraphenalia in the parks. I am pleased to inform you that the Board of Supervisors did not approve this legislation.

3. **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT** (Continued)

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AMNESTY PROPOSAL/FOOD DISTRIBUTION ORDINANCE (Continued)

However, in a separate action, the Board did approve a resolution urging the Mayor to urge the Recreation and Park Commission to allow for free food distribution at Civic Center Plaza. In 1988, this Commission established guidelines for free food distribution at two park locations, Civic Center Plaza and at Page/Stanyan in Golden Gate Park. The regulations which were established were virtually ignored and there were numerous violations to the permit issued by the Department. This resolution is now awaiting the Mayor's signature.

SHARP PARK - PACIFICA SEWER PLANNING WORKSHOP

A value planning workshop was held in Pacifica to review the site criteria and process requirements for a proposed new sewer treatment facility for the City of Pacifica. The team of engineering and environmental experts determined after considering seven sites that the Sharp Park Recreation and Park Department property was the least desirable of the sites considered. Based on this finding, the Pacifica facility plan will be revised to reflect the findings and recommendations of the value planing workshop.

PACIFIC ROD AND GUN CLUB

The hearing on the draft order from the Regional Water Quality Control Board regarding the Pacific Rod and Gun Club has been put over to the Board's meeting of December 15, 1993. Staff will attend that meeting and report back to the Commission.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

The renovation of the children's play area at Precita Park was substantially completed in early November. An inspection of the work by the City took place on November 5, 1993 and a punchlist of minor items to be completed, corrected or modified was developed. As you know, the completion of this renovation project was unduly delayed by problems primarily with the contractor, Golden Bay Construction. However, now that the project has been completed, staff reports that the playground is very well used. At a recent community meeting, many parents and playground users commented that while they were extremely upset by the extraordinary delays, they were very pleased with the newly renovated playground.

Construction began last Monday on the new children's playground in Civic Center Plaza. Construction had been delayed due to a failure by the contractor to secure the play equipment. If there are no additional delays, construction is expected to be completed in March.

3. **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)**

SMOKING ORDINANCE

The City's new smoking ordinance, as adopted by the Board of Supervisor on November 1, 1993, includes restrictions at sports arenas with seatin capacity in excess of 30,000. This would apply to Candlestick Park. Specifically "no owner, manager or operator of a sports arena or stadiu shall knowingly or intentionally permit, and no person on the premise shall engage in, the smoking of tobacco products in any enclosed or ope space at a sports arena or stadium except in 1) concourses and ramp outside seating areas, 2) private suites and corridors to private suites and 3) areas designated for parking". In addition, the bar area of th Stadium Club would be exempt.

SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS

The following claims, under $5,000, were settled by the City Attorney' Office during the month of October 1993:

Mikesell, Sandra	$ 345.00	Frayer, Denise	$191.80
Geneste, Paul	115.52	Marro, Donald	250.00
Lansidel, Tiffany	100.00	Boyle, Mary	165.00
Raytheon Company	853.22	Clark, Michael	159.00
Lee, Patrick	335.25		

CLAIMS UPDATE

The City prevailed in two liability cases against our Department.

SHAWN THOMAS MELTON v. CCSF The plaintiff was injured while bicycling o an asphalt path in Larsen Park. You will recall that the plaintiff ha been drinking and was riding on the path after midnight. The Commissio rejected the proposed settlement of $36,000. Deputy City Attorney Michae Killelea appeared before Judge Laurence Kay and filed a motion fo dismissal based on absolute immunity in accordance with Californi Government Code 831.4, relating to trails within parks which are used fo recreational purposes. The question was whether a paved asphalt path ca be considered a recreational trail within a park, instead of a publi street. The Department of Public Works testified that the Larsen Par pathway is not part of their street system. The judge found that th subject pathway, although paved, is a park trail within the meaning of th Government Code, and entered a judgment in favor of the City.

Mr. Killelea believes the plaintiff will appeal. If the judgmen prevails, it will significantly affect a number of other pending case involving pathways in our park system.

BERDINE HUEGEL v. CCSF This case involves injuries sustained by a elderly woman who fell in the Vaillaincourt Fountain because she had t avoid a skateboarder. Deputy City Attorney Andrew McCullough represente us at a jury trial on October 23, and departmental witnesses were Jo Huttinger and Jim Lucey. The City won a defense verdict. According t jurors, the verdict was largely based on the the comparison of the moat t other innocuous areas around the City, such as high street curbs ar unbarricaded pathways around lakes and lagoons. Members of the publi using these innocuous areas should beware because the hazards are open ar obvious.

3. **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)**

WIRED YOUTH SAN FRANCISCO MEDIA FESTIVAL

A group of children at Peabody Schoolyard, one of our summer program recreation sites, produced an eight-minute movie video, "The Good and Bad Witches," this past summer. The video was chosen to be screened at the Wired Youth San Francisco Media Festival, an annual media celebration and festival sponsored by the Exploratorium and Artists' Television Access that celebrates the fresh vision and creativity of young film and videomakers. Videos from all over the country were submitted and only 15 were chosen for screening. The children from Peabody Schoolyard, ranging in age from 6 to 13, were one of the youngest groups to have their video chosen for screening. Congratulations to Recreation Directors David Becker and Dionne Perez on this innovative summer project.

SF TEEN

Lisa Halpern, staff person to SF Teen has been contacted by KRON-TV's "First-Cut," a show hosted by teens about teen issues. "First Cut" would like to include SF Teen staff in a segment they are producing for January in which teens in the media will be featured. In addition, "First Cut" is interested in having staff from SF Teen participate on their show on a regular basis with an ongoing feature.

At your places you will find the November issue of SF Teen.

HOLIDAY EVENTS

The Recreation Division is hosting many holiday events. San Francisco's official holiday tree, a 119 year old, one hundred foot high Monterey Cypress, will be illuminated on Tuesday, December 7. Music and entertainment will begin at 5:00 p.m. The public is invited to participate in this traditional event. Santa will arrive and distribute candy canes to youngsters in attendance.

The 40th Annual Carol Festival will be held on Tuesday, December 14, at 12:00 Noon at the Grand Staircase, City Hall. Children from our recreation centers will entertain the public with holiday carols and songs. If your schedule permits, please stop by to enjoy this festive noontime event.

The Recreation Division's Young People's Teen Musical Theatre has a busy holiday schedule. They will be caroling on 11/26 at the Union Square tree lighting ceremony and then later in the day at Ghirardelli Square. They will also be performing for Project Open Hand on December 19.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Saturday, November 20, 1993	Alioto Mini Park Groundbreaking Ceremony, 12:00 Noon
Thursday, November 25, 1993	Thanksgiving Day Holiday
Friday, November 26, 1993	Day After Thanksgiving Day Holiday

3. **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)**

DATES TO REMEMBER (Continued)

Wednesday, December 1, 1993	Joint Zoo Committee Meeting; 4:30 p.m. tour, 5:00 p.m. meeting; Education Classroom, San Francisco Zoo
Wednesday, December 1, 1993	Mission Dolores Soccer Field Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Mission Recreation Center
Tuesday, December 7, 1993	Parks and Planning Committee, 4:00 p.m., McLaren Lodge
Tuesday, December 7, 1993	Annual Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony, 5:30 p.m., McLaren Lodge
Wednesday, December 8, 1993	Strybing Arboretum Society Volunteers Holiday Lunch, 12:00 noon, County Fair Building
Wednesday, December 8, 1993	Select Committee on Budget, 3:00 p.m., McLaren Lodge
Wednesday, December 8, 1993	Finance and Candlestick Committee, 4:00 p.m., McLaren Lodge
Thursday, December 9, 1993	Joint Meeting with Social Services Commission, Juvenile Probation Commission Health Commission and Library Commission regarding the Children's Budget, 3:00 p.m., Location to be determined"

4. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

All matters listed hereunder constitute a Consent Calendar, are considered to be routine by the Recreation and Park Commission and will be acted upon by a single roll call vote of the Commission. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member so requests, in which event the matter shall be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered as a separate item.

On motion of Commissioner Chan, seconded by Commissioner Mazzola ratification of the following resolutions, which are processed under Resolution No. 13572:

a. **PERSONNEL MATTERS** **RES. NO. 16759**

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies the actions taken by the General Manager regarding personnel matters during the period October 7, 1993 through November 3, 1993.

b. **HARDING/FLEMING, LINCOLN AND SHARP PARK GOLF COURSE LEASE AMENDMENT GREEN FEES PROCEDURE** **RES. NO. 16760**

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the lease amendment authorizing monthly payment of green fees effective November, 1993.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR (Continued)

c. SOUTH END ROWING CLUB — RES. NO. 16761

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the proposed repairs, rehabilitation measures and correction of violation as defined by the Bay Conservation and Development (BCDC) and approval of application to BCDC for a permit to undertake the proposed repairs, rehabilitation measures and correction of BCDC violations at the South End Rowing Club.

d. FURHMAN BEQUEST — RES. NO. 16762
EXTENSION OF SHELL OIL LEASE

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the extension of the Shell Oil Lease in Kern County for the production of oil to the year 2020.

e. SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS — RES. NO. 16763
SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY
PERSONNEL MATTER

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the appointment of David Anderson as Zoo Director and Avery Bennett as Veterinarian, for the San Francisco Zoological Society.

GENERAL CALENDAR

5. SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS
ANIMAL TRANSACTIONS

Assistant Zoo Director, David Robinett, explained the animal transactions: the turkeys were purchased to replace losses in the exhibit flock in the Children's Zoo; the American Alligator was donated by the Audobon Zoo to the San Francisco Zoo for its Zoomobile program; the peafowl were donated to reduce re-breeding of this flock; the cockatoos were donated to Mickey Grove Zoo; the wallaroos were considered surplus to the Zoo's needs because of aggression problems and the nyalas were sold to a private rancher to thin the flock.

On motion of Commissioner Farrow, seconded by Commissioner Rovetti, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16764

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies the following animal transactions (processed under Resolution No. 13572) for the San Francisco Zoological Gardens:

PURCHASED FROM: Kraut Pheasant Farm
Petaluma, CA

Two (2) Female Royal Palm Turkeys, valued at $50.00
Payment to be made from the Animal Purchase Account

5. **SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS** — **RES. NO. 16766**
ANIMAL TRANSACTIONS (Continued) — **(Continued)**

DONATION FROM: Audubon Zoo
P. O. Box 4327
New Orleans, LA 70178, USDA #72-C-00

One (1) American Alligator, sex unknown

DONATION TO: Sloan Ranches
7945 Aliso Canyon Road
Santa Paula, CA 93060

One (1) male and Six (6) Female Peafowl

DONATION TO: Mickey Grove Zoo
11793 North Micke Grove Road
Lodi, CA 95240-9499, USDA 93-C-006

One (1) Male and (1) Female Muluccan Cockatoo

SOLD TO: Wildlife World Zoo
18502 #est Northern Avenue
Litchfield Park, AZ 85340
USDA 86-C-022

Two (2) Male Wallaroos, valued at $750.00 for the pair.
Payment to be made to the Animal Purchase Account

SOLD TO: NBJ Ranch
HC 51
Bulverds, TX 78163, USDA 74-B-007

One (1) Male and One (1) Female Nyala, valued at $2,000.00 for the pair.
Payment to be made to the Animal Purchase Account

6. **SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS**
SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY
OPERATING BUDGET

Approval of the San Francisco Zoological Society's operating budget for th
Fiscal Year ending 6/30/94 for the San Francisco Zoological Gardens.

Assistant General Manager for Administration, Phil Arnold, explained tha
the San Francisco Zoological Society's agreement requires them to prepar
and submit an operating budget for the Zoo every year. Since the Societ
started late this year, assuming jurisdiction to operate the Zoo
October, there are are expenditure omissions for the months of July, Augus
and September. The Society has budgeted very few additional expense iter
in the operating budget. The current priorities of the Society a
insurance and maintenance needs. The Society has also reallocated some
the responsibilities of its staff so that it functions for the entire Z
rather than just for the Zoological Society.

6. **SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS**
SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY
OPERATING BUDGET (Continued)

Mr. Arnold further explained that the Zoological Society has raised the $10 million for the Zoo. Attendance figures have been lower than anticipated.

Commissioner Rovetti asked for a comparison of last year's budget at the Committee meeting. Mr. Arnold explained that there is not one consolidated budget for the Zoo but rather a budget for the Society and the Department's budget.

Executive Director of the San Francisco Zoological Society, Peggy Burks, explained that there has been a decline in attendance over the last 3-5 years. The Society has been putting its energy to advertising and capital improvements. She further explained that it will much easier to present comparisons in the future with one budget.

On recommendation of the Joint Zoo Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Ruiz, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16765

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the San Francisco Zoological Society's operating budget for the Fiscal Year ending 6/30/94 for the San Francisco Zoological Gardens.

2:45 p.m.-2:52 p.m. Commissioner Mazzola was absent from the meeting.

7. **PERMIT AND RESERVATIONS POLICY**
SIX MONTH REVIEW

Review of the Permit and Reservations Policy for use of facilities under the jurisdiction of the Recreation and Park Department as required by Park Code Section 7.05, Resolution 16640.

Superintendent of Recreation, Joel Robinson, explained that this item is the six month review of the Commission's Permit and Reservation Policy. The Department is coming face-to-face with the issue of multiple day events and large events in the park and the impact from those events on the park landscape. A decision will have to be made in the near future on this particular issue. He recommended that four proposed amendments be adopted at this meeting and that three proposed amendments be discussed but not implemented for one year. He outlined the proposed amendments:

1) Currently all requests for multiple day events must be approved by the Commission. Mr. Robinson proposed that language be added to give staff the authority to administratively approve those requests for multiple day events which have been held without major incident, permit violations, damage to park property, and that have not created a negative impact on park property or the surrounding community. If the multiple day event in the future presents problems, then subsequent requests would require Commission approval.

7. PERMIT AND RESERVATIONS POLICY
SIX MONTH REVIEW (Continued)

2) There has been a dramatic increase in requests for amplified sound Marx Meadow and major incidents have occurred at some of the events. Sta has received complaints from the neighborhood about noise and the cro size. Mr. Robinson suggested that a clause be added stating that amplifi sound shall be restricted to two hours per day for no more than one (1) d per weekend and no more than two (2) weekends per month, neither of whi will be consecutive weekends.

In response to President Immendorf's question, Mr. Robinson said th currently 4 hours of amplified sound, with no restriction on the number dates is permitted at Marx Meadow. President Immendorf was concerned th the proposed restriction was quite stringent. **General Manager, Mary Burns**, said she has spoken to the gardening staff at Marx Meadow w expressed concern that this section of the park is over-programmed. T meadow is in a low area of the park with severe drainage problems.

3) The next amendment is a request to add language that was inadvertent omitted from the previous Permit Policy to state that amplified sound wi be allowed at Sharon Meadow from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and shall n exceed one (1) continuous five (5) hour period during these hours.

4) The current requirement for restrooms is one restroom to each 3 participants. Mr. Robinson requested that the number of restrooms increased to one restroom for each 200 participants to alleviate long lin at large events. One-third of these restrooms must be accessible individuals with special needs.

Mr. Robinson explained that the next proposals were controversial and we developed in an attempt to curtail the impact on the park by larg multiple day events. Staff is suggesting that the following proposals considered for adoption in one year. During this time, staff will have t opportunity to work with event promoters and develop a recommendation address the park's maintenance concerns while allowing the tradition events to occur in the park. Staff has discussed this recommendation wi the large event promoters who are pleased with this compromise. outlined the proposals.

°Currently, four large non-athletic events are permitted in the Polo Fie during the months of May, July, September and October. This proposal wou allow only 3 events during the months of May, June and September. Th restriction would give the Park Division ample time to re-seed after lar events and also take advantage of the growing season.

°Staff is considering reducing the allowed attendance in some cas significantly, upon park properties. Mr. Robinson outlined some of t proposed reductions in attendance figures and again explained that staff concerned about the impact of the park and will be reviewing this propos in the coming year.

°The final proposed amendment is to add a clause which states that even that exceed 1000 persons per day on turf areas in Golden Gate Park would longer be permitted. This proposal is of great concern to some of t event promoters and it is requested that implementation of the proposal deferred for one year to give staff the opportunity to work with t promoters.

7. **PERMIT AND RESERVATIONS POLICY**
SIX MONTH REVIEW (Continued)

Mr. Robinson said that the Permit and Reservation Policy has been refined and amended every time it is reviewed to meet the needs of the Department and the public.

President Immendorf said that there is a lot of controversy as to whether or not large events are harmful to the turf and that meeting with the affected groups is very important.

Bobby Winston, representing the San Francisco Shakespeare Festival, is the producer of the annual Free Shakespeare in the Park. Ten years ago he helped to create "A La Carte, A La Park" as a benefit for the Free Shakespeare in the Park. Without this fundraising event, it would be difficult to continue to offer the free Shakespeare events. He said that big events do strain the park environment and that staff has legitimate concerns about these events. He said that event promoters have to do a much better job of respecting the privilege of producing events in Golden Gate Park. However, he felt that the Recreation and Park Department also deserved criticism and commented that a certain employee has been acting in a threatening fashion issuing arbitrary demands. Mr. Winston was very upset to read negative comments about the Shakespeare Festival in the morning newspaper and was angered by the statements. He hoped that working together with the Department a cooperative relationship could be developed for future events.

President Immendorf said that the Department is committed to working with the promoters and the large events held on park properties.

In response to Commissioner Chan's question, Ms. Burns said that she discussed the newspaper article with Mr. Winston and heard that the source might be among the soccer players.

On motion of Commissioner Ruiz, seconded by Commissioner Sommer, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16766

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the following amendments to the Permit and Reservations Policy for use of facilities under the jurisdiction of the Recreation and Park Department as required by Park Code Section 7.05.

°Amended language in Section G. Facilities, subsection 6, Page 21, to add: Staff may administratively approve requests for those multiple day events that have been held without major incident, permit violations, damage to park property, and those that have not created a negative impact on park property or the surrounding community. Otherwise, staff shall limit all permits to one day only. Special permission for consecutive multiple day events may be granted by the Commission which shall consider the nature of the event, the proposed location, the anticipated attendance, and any other facts and circumstances that relate to any potential adverse impact on the park property, the neighborhood, or the public so long as such impacts are unrelated to the content of the event.

7. **PERMIT AND RESERVATIONS POLICY SIX MONTH REVIEW (Continued)** — **RES. NO. 16766 (Continued)**

°Add clause that states amplified sound for Marx Meadow shall b restricted to two hours per day for no more than one (1) day per weeken and no more than two (2) weekends per month, neither of which will b consecutive weekends. All amplified sound must not begin before 11:0 a.m. or extend beyond 5:00 p.m. Permits for amplified sound may not b granted for more than one facility per day in the west end of Golden Gat Park.

°Add language that states amplified sound will be allowed at Sharon Meado from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and shall not exceed one (1) continuous fiv (5) hour period during these hours.

°Add language that states; Events with attendance of 200 persons or mor must provide portable restrooms at the ratio of one (1) restroom for eac 200 persons in attendance, one-third of which must be accessible t individuals with special needs.

Approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Farrow, Immendorf, Rovetti, Ruiz, Sommer
Absent: Commissioner Mazzola

8. **OPEN SPACE PLAN**

Approval of 5 year Open Space Plan.

Assistant General Manager for Administration, Phil Arnold, said tha Proposition E which created the Open Space Program includes a requiremen that there be a five year plan for implementing the program. That plan i developed by the Citizens Advisory Committee for Park and Open Space Each year this five year plan is updated and new amendments are propose by the Citizens Committee. The major changes that are being recommende are:

°References to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) have bee incorporated into the goals and objectives section. ADA became law las year and it is proper to incorporate it into the plan.

°Revenue projections have been updated throughout the Open Space Plan i order to determine what the state of the revenues will be during the lif of the program and what costs of multi year projects are expected to be.

°Project cost estimates have been revised to reflect current estimates ar previous allocations of funding.

°Safety standards for playgrounds have been added to the selectic criteria for renovation projects.

°A paragraph on multi-year projects has been added to the Renovatic section.

°A paragraph on allocation minimums has been added to the Renovatic section.

8. **OPEN SPACE PLAN (Continued)**

°The Project Options section has been updated to reflect current requests which have been submitted to the Open Space Committee.

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Ruiz, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16767

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the five year Open Space Plan.

9. **PARCEL 4**
OCEAN BEACH

Approval of Memorandum of Understanding with Department of Public Works on Parcel 4 at Ocean Beach.

Assistant General Manager for Administration, Phil Arnold, explained that the City has acquired land at the Great Highway and Balboa. The land is the last of the remaining undeveloped portion of Playland at the Beach. This level area at the base of Sutro Heights is an extension of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area. The Open Space Program paid almost half of the acquisition costs and the Department of Public Works, Clean Water Program paid the balance for a total of approximately $1.3 Million. The Clean Water Program will use the entire site as a staging area for construction until March 1997 and it will then be turned over to Recreation and Park as a public park. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has been drafted with the Department of Public Works which gives Public Works 51% jurisdiction of the site and 49% to Recreation and Park. If either department wants to build or dispose of the land it must get approval from the other department.

In response to President Immendorf's question, Mr. Arnold said the percentage was not 50/50 because the Department of Public Works put up more money and paid for closing costs and all legal expenses involved in acquisition. The percentage has nothing to do with jurisdiction or control of the land but rather the monetary contribution made by the Department of Public Works. Recreation and Park will work with the Golden Gate National Recreation Area on a maintenance agreement as they have offered to maintain the park free of charge.

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Chan, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16768

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the Memorandum of Understanding with Department of Public Works on Parcel 4 at Ocean Beach.

10. **PORTSMOUTH SQUARE**
MAINTENANCE ENDOWMENT AGREEMENT

Approval of maintenance endowment agreement between the San Francisc Goddess of Democracy Project and the Recreation and Park Department in th amount of $30,000.

Park Planner, Deborah Learner, displayed a drawing of Portsmouth Squar and explained that a restoration project for the top portion of the squar is now underway. The Goddess of Democracy statue was approved fo placement on Portsmouth Square by the Recreation and Park Commission o November 16, 1989 at a public hearing with much public support. Th Commission's policy requires that gifts that are given to the Departmen must also have a maintenance endowment which comes to the Commission i the form of an agreement. Staff requested that an endowment be provide in the amount of $30,000 to provide for the maintenance of the statue fo as long as it remains on Portsmouth Square. There are many terms an conditions within the agreement about maintenance and certain rights t move it to different location if it is damaged. This item was reviewed b the Finance Committee and Ms. Learner recommended approval of th agreement.

Henry Der, representing the San Francisco Goddess of Democracy Project said he was very pleased to finalize the process to place the Goddess o Democracy statue in Portsmouth Square. He felt the maintenance endowmen agreement was fair and would present the $30,000 check to the Departmen when the agreement is fully executed.

On recommendation of the Finance and Candlestick Committee, and on motio of Commissioner Farrow, seconded by Commissioner Ruiz, the followin resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16769

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the maintenance endowmen agreement between the San Francisco Goddess of Democracy Project and th Recreation and Park Department in the amount of $30,000.

11. **PORTSMOUTH SQUARE**
GODDESS OF DEMOCRACY PLAQUE

Approval of the wording for the Goddess of Democracy Plaque.

Park Planner, Deborah Learner, explained that the Commission is beir asked to to approve the wording for the Goddess of Democracy statue.

Henry Der, representing the San Francisco Goddess of Democracy Project explained that the language before the Commission was the product of son deliberation. He was aware that this was a sensitive matter but felt th proposed language was moderate in its tone, and represents the ideals ar goals of the project. He urged the Commission to approve the propose language and said the statue is dedicated to the citizens of San Francis who support the concept and acknowledge those who struggle for democracy.

11. **PORTSMOUTH SQUARE**
GODDESS OF DEMOCRACY PLAQUE

Thomas Marsh, the supervising sculptor of the San Francisco Goddess of Democracy project, reaffirmed the sentiments of Mr. Der. He said the wording was very carefully chosen and said the statue is dedicated to people rather than to a concept and the people are dedicated to the concept. He felt the wording "...dedicated to those who struggle for democracy and human rights..." was important because democracy has never come easily and recognition of basic human rights is a struggle.

Commissioner Chan said that he respected the comments made by the speakers but when he read the Chinese characters he felt the appropriate word should be "strive for" or "work hard for" rather than the word "struggle". He wondered if the wording could be modified to "...those who (strive for) or those who (love) or those who (cherish)" rather than "struggle". He said the strict translation of the Chinese character would be "to achieve".

President Immendorf said that he, too, was concerned about the word "struggle" and felt that it was important to be sensitive to everyone who viewed the statue.

Commissioner Sommer said the word struggle was a bit more negative. She suggested that perhaps a phrase should be added that states, "This is a re-creation of the Goddess of Democracy statue which stood in Beijing's Tiananmen Square from May 30-June 4, 1989.

General Manager, Mary E. Burns, explained that the Art Commission also reviews the language and they have a literary specialist who will review the wording.

Commissioner Ruiz asked Mr. Der if the word "strive" was considered. Mr. Der explained that the word strive was not considered by the Committee.

Commissioner Farrow suggested that the phrase "to strive for and cherish" be considered. Mr. Der was amenable to that wording.

On motion of Commissioner Chan, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16770

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the wording for the Goddess of Democracy Plaque as follows:

GODDESS OF DEMOCRACY
DEDICATED TO THOSE WHO STRIVE FOR AND CHERISH HUMAN RIGHTS AND DEMOCRACY
A GIFT TO THE CITY OF SAN FRANCISCO
FROM THE
SAN FRANCISCO GODDESS OF DEMOCRACY PROJECT
1989-1994

12. **CANDLESTICK PARK**
SAN FRANCISCO FORTY NINERS
CONCESSION AGREEMENT - VOLUME SERVICES

Approval of the concession agreement between the San Francisco Forty Niners and Volume Services.

Note: This item was removed from the Calendar.

13. **CANDLESTICK PARK RENOVATIONS**
PHASE 8-B

Approval of Phase 8-B of Candlestick Park renovations. (NOTE: The Committee may convene in Executive Session pursuant to Section 54956.9(b) of the California Government Code to discuss potential litigation regarding this matter.)

Assistant to the General Manager, Tim Lillyquist, explained that the next phase (8-B) of the Candlestick Park renovations will increase the seating at the stadium to exceed the 70,000 capacity required for Superbowl contention. The additional seating will require additional egress and additional seating for the disabled, as required under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Mr. Lillyquist displayed a diagram of Candlestick and explained that 300 seats will be placed at field level from first based to third base, with two platforms on the first base side to accommodate wheelchairs. Two handicap accessible platforms will also be placed in Sections 21 and 23 and a new accessible right field bleacher will be constructed. The upper concourses will be widened for egress purposes. Several of the vomitories in the upper deck will have to be modified to provide accessible seating and wheelchair access. A new elevator will be located adjacent to the present elevator. One stairtower will be built and another will be modified for egress. The estimated cost for this phase of the renovation is $5 Million.

In response to President Immendorf's question, Mr. Lillyquist explained that filling in the aisle seats will create longer rows. However, it does meet all of the egress and safety code requirements. There will be 1862 additional seats in the upper deck which will bring the stadium capacity to 70,300 for football.

3:25 p.m. - 4:10 p.m. the Commission convened in Executive Session.

On recommendation of the Finance and Candlestick Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Ruiz, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16771

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves Phase 8-B of Candlestick Park renovations.

14. **SAN FRANCISCO FORTY-NINERS**
RENT CREDIT

Approval of a rent credit to the San Francisco Forty-Niners in the amount of $1.8 Million for the renovations to Candlestick Park.

Note: This item was removed from the Calendar.

15. **CANDLESTICK PARK**
SAN FRANCISCO FORTY NINERS
TICKET PRICE INCREASE

Approval of ticket price increase for the San Francisco Forty Niners from $35.75 to $39.75 for the 1994-95 season.

Assistant General Manager for Administration, Phil Arnold, explained that the 49ers have requested an increase in their per seat ticket price by $4.00 from $35.75 to $39.75. The Commission's policy has been to compare price requests to other teams in the league. The 49ers have provided a list of comparables to the Commission. He said it is very clear that although there are higher ticket prices for teams in the NFL, on the average this increase will place the 49ers well above any other team. Per ticket prices for the National Football League are as high as $200 but they also have tickets that are lower in price. The 49ers are one of the few teams in the league which charges the same price for every ticket in the stadium. In response to being the highest price ticket, the 49ers raise the points that Candlestick Park is an older stadium with fewer seats than many of the other stadia, does not have club seating or specialized areas which provide more amenities (except for the luxury suites). The 49ers also sell out every year. This increase would give the Department an additional $270,000 in revenue and $1.4 Million in additional revenues for the 49ers. (The visiting club receives 40% of admissions.) Although the increase would give the 49ers the highest ticket price in the league, he recommended approval.

Jim Tomasello, said that when any price increase is proposed the initial reaction is negative. As a season ticket holder for the 49ers, the Warriors and the Sharks one must consider the product that is afforded versus the other teams. He felt that the per season ticket increase is minimal and that the 49ers are in an unusual position because they have unparalleled success on the field. He said that as a season ticket holder he felt the increase was minimal.

Commission Secretary, Shauna Rose, explained that a letter was written by a member of the public when the Commission met in Executive Session which suggested that the preseason ticket be sold as an option or sold at the rate of $10.

In response to Commissioner Ruiz's question, Ms. Rose explained that the Commission office had received 5 phonecalls in opposition to the fee increase request.

Commissioner Sommer said she had personally received 8 phone calls in opposition to the increase and said that the request is more than a cost of living increase which is unfair to the faithful fan. In 1982 the seats were $13.00 and now they are $35.75. She said there is no option for the 49er fan because there are no cheaper tickets. The criteria that is used by the Commission is to compare prices at other stadia. Yet, the 49ers are already the highest. She felt it would be irresponsible to rubberstamp this increase just because the 49ers have 17,000 on a waiting list. The increase will cost a couple over $100 to attend a single game.

Commissioner Chan said he was a season ticket holder for 10 years. He felt it was important to consider the Commission's role and that it could not unreasonably withhold consent for the increase. He said the 49ers are marketing a product and that if the tickets prices become unreasonable then the fans will not attend games.

15. **CANDLESTICK PARK**
SAN FRANCISCO FORTY NINERS
TICKET PRICE INCREASE (Continued)

President Immendorf explained that the 49ers have been requesting fee increases in a three-year cycle and that the Commission must consider the 49er lease which states that the fee increase shall not be unreasonably withheld. The Commission must consider the 49er franchise and the problems they are having with a smaller stadium, an older stadium and a stadium that does not offer club seating. The City is renting the team the stadium and it was not unreasonable to approve an 11% increase. The 49ers have the highest salaries in the league and their overall operating expenses are high.

Commissioner Rovetti said when he played football for the 49ers he received $400 a week.

Commissioner Ruiz asked if the projected revenue of $270,000 could be used to offset or meet next year's budget process. Mr. Arnold said that legally it could be allocated to other programs. He further explained that if the Commission felt that the ticket increase would result in lower attendance or empty seats it should not approve the ticket price. There are are fixed costs associated with operating Candlestick Park which the Department cannot afford without a sold-out stadium.

Commissioner Ruiz asked if there was any data that shows whether there has been an increase or decrease in the 49ers waiting list.

Murlan Fowell, representing the San Francisco 49ers, said there is a continual increase in the waiting list. It costs $10 to be placed on the waiting list. The 49ers discourage people from placing themselves in the waiting list because one could be on the list for 10-20 years before receiving tickets.

Commissioner Mazzola said he reluctantly recommended approval of the ticket price at the Committee meeting but was now prepared to vote in opposition at this meeting after re-thinking the issue. He said that all sporting events have become so expensive and they used to be family events. Today people cannot afford to take the family to the game. He wanted to know how many parents bring their children to games.

In response to Commissioner Ruiz's question, Mr. Fowell said that over 40 free tickets are given to children for each game. This program is administered by Berkeley Farms which distributes tickets to children's organizations in the Bay Area. The 49ers provide the tickets. Mr. Fowell said there is a specific section at Candlestick Park that is set aside for the children.

President Immendorf reminded the Commission that Oakland lost its football franchise and felt it was the City's obligation to not unreasonably withhold the increase.

15. **CANDLESTICK PARK**
SAN FRANCISCO FORTY NINERS
TICKET PRICE INCREASE (Continued)

On recommendation of the Finance and Candlestick Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Chan, seconded by Commissioner Ruiz, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16772

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the ticket price increase for the San Francisco Forty Niners from $35.75 to $39.75 for the 1994-95 season.

Approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Farrow, Immendorf, Rovetti, Ruiz
Noes: Commissioner Mazzola, Sommer

16. **CANDLESTICK PARK**
SAN FRANCISCO FORTY NINERS
LUXURY SUITES INCREASE

Approval of 15% increase for luxury suites, with 5% discount for existing suiteholders for the San Francisco Forty Niners 1994-95 season.

Assistant General Manager for Administration, Phil Arnold, explained that the proposed 15% increase translates into the smallest suite being raised from $23,000 to $27,000 and the more expensive suite from $74,000 to $85,000. The last increase for luxury suites was requested three years ago. A 5% discount will be given to those who re-sign. Currently, there are no vacant suites at the stadium.

On recommendation of the Finance and Candlestick Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Mazzola, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16773

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the 15% increase for luxury suites, with 5% discount for existing suiteholders for the San Francisco Forty Niners 1994-95 season.

17. **CANDLESTICK PARK**
SAN FRANCISCO FORTY NINERS
PREPAID PARKING

Consideration of the price increase for prepaid parking for automobiles from $10.00 to $15.00 for the San Francisco Forty Niners 1994-95 season.

Assistant General Manager for Administration, Phil Arnold, explained that parking is the most scarce commodity at Candlestick Park. The paved parking lot, which is under the jurisdiction of the Recreation and Park Commission, can accommodate 8000 cars in the paved parking lot. 1000 of these spaces are reserved for buses and recreational vehicles. The 49ers pre-sell the parking lot with no trouble. When the parking lot fee was raised to $10 more people took transit but they gradually returned to the parking lot. He presumed the same pattern would occur with this fee increase.

17. **CANDLESTICK PARK**
SAN FRANCISCO FORTY NINERS
PREPAID PARKING (Continued)

Mr. Arnold said there was concern as to what would happen to the dirt lots which surround the stadium parking lot which are now charging $11.00. Historically, those lots have been the same price as the main parking lot. He presumed the outside lots would charge what is charged in the main lot. The Department's Stadium Fund receives 42% of parking revenue.

Commissioner Rovetti voted in opposition to the parking increase at the Committee meeting. He was contacted by former 49er teammate, Bob St. Clair who wanted to have lunch. Mr. St. Clair brought Nick Leonoudakis, the operator of the paved parking lot and many of the outside dirt lots, to the lunch. Commissioner Rovetti explained that his primary concern was the issue of safety and recounted an incident where 2 women, who had parked in the dirt lot, found their automobile stuck in the mud, and were mugged when trying to seek assistance. He was concerned about controlling these kinds of situations because once the game begins the operators leave the outside parking lots. He said that Mr. Leonoudakis promised to provide attendants with a walkie talkie to assist those who park there and provide aide and to have an emergency vehicle available. He felt if these conditions were met by Mr. Leonoudakis then he could approve the increase.

Commissioner Mazzola made a motion to table the parking fee increase one month; Commissioner Sommer seconded the motion. Commissioner Mazzola said that the Commission did not control the outside lots but felt that if the increase was deferred for one month, pressure could be placed on the outside operators to improve the outer dirt lots. He said the operators leave as soon as the game begins because they are not obligated to remain. If the increase was deferred, he felt that the agencies who own the dirt lot could contact the operator and asked what improvements would be made with the $4 increase. Now, the outside operators reap the profits and provide nothing for the fans.

President Immendorf felt that pressure could be put on the outside operators but that the 49ers should not be held hostage for an issue that is not under their control.

Mr. Fowell said the outside lots are a separate issue and should not affect the Commission's vote on the 49er increase. He said he spoke to Nick Leonoudakis who was willing to cooperate and improve the conditions in the outside lots he operates.

Commissioner Sommer said that Mr. Leonoudakis is not the only operator and there is nothing in writing to back up his promise. She felt that deferring the matter may give the Commission leverage.

President Immendorf said the Commission has increased fees for every program and service because of lack of funding. He said that the owner of the 49ers has given the City over $45 Million and that the 49ers should not be held hostage.

Mr. Fowell said he promised to work with Mr. Leonoudakis to accomplish what has been discussed about improving conditions at the outside lots.

17. **CANDLESTICK PARK**
SAN FRANCISCO FORTY NINERS
PREPAID PARKING (Continued)

Commissioner Mazzola said that he noted that some items are removed from the agenda because staff needed more information or time. He asked why he, as a commissioner, could not have an item removed from the calendar. Mr. Arnold explained that two 49er items were removed because certain conditions were not satisfied and, therefore he could not recommend them for approval.

Commissioner Mazzola's motion failed to pass by the following vote:
Ayes: Commissioner Mazzola
Noes: Commissioner Chan, Farrow, Immendorf, Rovetti, Ruiz, Sommer

Commissioner Chan said he, too, was concerned about the safety issues and the dirt lots. He made a motion to approve the increase with the understanding that the Commission, the Department and the 49ers will work diligently to improve the conditions at the outer lots.

Commissioner Sommer said that there is an alternative to using the lots because public transportation is available. She commented that there is never any toilet paper in the portable restrooms and when she pays $15 to park she expected to have the restrooms fully stocked. She further stated that many people use the spaces for tailgating and that the area should be better patrolled.

Mr. Fowell explained that there is a thief who is fond of stealing paper products. The present practice is to stock the portable restrooms the morning of the day of the event. Mr. Fowell said that the areas are patrolled to make sure the fans do not use more than one space.

Commissioner Rovetti said that Mr. Leonoudakis said he does not have cooperation from the Police Department. Mr. Fowell said the 49ers have hired additional San Francisco Police Department personnel to offer assistance to the fans for late afternoon and evening games.

On recommendation of the Finance and Candlestick Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Chan, seconded by Commissioner Rovetti, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16774

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the price increase for prepaid parking for automobiles from $10.00 to $15.00 for the San Francisco Forty Niners 1994-95 season.

Approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Farrow, Immendorf, Rovetti, Ruiz, Sommer
Noes: Commissioner Mazzola

5:05 p.m. Commissioner Farrow left the meeting.

18. ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS

On motion of Commissioner Ruiz, seconded by Commissioner Sommer, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16775

RESOLVED, That this Commission accepts the following gifts valued at $110,159.13, for the Recreation and Park Department:

a. From Ken Halliday, a donation of $50.00, for the Orchid Collection at the Conservatory of Flowers.

b. From John Leathers/Bob Hamilton, computer software, valued at $200 for the plant inventory, Conservatory of Flowers.

c. From Strybing Arboretum Society, plants and seeds, valued at $307.70 for the Strybing Arboretum and Botanical Gardens.

d. From Strybing Arboretum Society, garden interns, valued at $2,800.37 for the Strybing Arboretum and Botanical Gardens.

e. From Strybing Arboretum Society, materials and supplies, valued at $2,662.37, for the Strybing Arboretum and Botanical Gardens.

f. From Strybing Arboretum Society, plant labeling, valued at $2,636.99 for the Strybing Arboretum and Botanical Gardens.

g. From Strybing Arboretum Society, garden signs, valued at $1,501.70 for the Strybing Arboretum and Botanical Gardens.

h. From Hyatt Corporation, Sherwin Williams Company, San Francisco Beautiful, and Friends of Recreation and Parks, a gift in place valued at approximately $100,000 for refurbishing the Carrousel in Golden Gate Park.

i. From Lef Foundation, through Friends of Recreation and Parks, $12,000 for the development of the tot lot at Civic Center Plaza.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That appropriate letters of thanks shall be sent to the donors.

19. PUBLIC COMMENT

At this time members of the public may address the Commission on items that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Recreation and Park Commission. Members of the public may address the Commission for up to three minutes. The President or the Commission may limit the total testimony to 30 minutes.

Kevin Drew, representing the Haight Ashbury Neighborhood Recycling Center, said that last month somebody addressed the Commission under Public Comment and complained about the smell from the center. He said he has spoken to Kezar users who have not complained. He further explained that the Recreation Center for the Handicapped currently uses the recycling center as part of their ecology program. He wanted the Commission to know that the issue is being addressed.

20. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The President did not submit a report.

21. COMMISSION COMMITTEE REPORTS

The following Commission Committee reports were submitted for the record:

Joint Zoo Committee Meeting of October 6, 1993
Recreation Program Committee Meeting of October 27, 1993
Parks and Planning Committee Meeting of November 2, 1993
Finance and Candlestick Committee Meeting of November 5, 1993

22. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the 687th Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shauna Marie Rose
Commission Secretary

Note: These minutes set forth all actions taken by the Recreation and Park Commission on matters stated, but not necessarily the chronological order in which the matters were taken up.

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RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION

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SPECIAL MEETING

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 1993 - 3:45 P.M.

The Special Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Friday, November 5, 1993, at 3:50 p.m. by President Jack Immendorf.

1. ROLL CALL

Present:
Commissioner Jack Immendorf, President
Commissioner Bella Farrow
Commissioner Vince Rovetti
Commissioner Sue Sommer
Absent:
Commissioner Sidney Chan, Vice President
Commissioner Larry Mazzola
Commissioner Santiago Ruiz

2. ACCEPTANCE OF GIFT

Acceptance of a gift in the amount of $1,100.00, from International Management Group, for the City and County of San Francisco, Recreation and Park Department.

President Immendorf explained that this item is acceptance of a gift from International Management Group for the purpose of gathering information on how New York conducts its marathon race. The promoter who stages the San Francisco Marathon also conducts the New York Marathon. They felt it would be helpful to have a representative from the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department witness firsthand the New York Marathon and to meet with our counterparts to learn how New York handles such issues as the routing traffic, closing major thoroughfares, etc.

2. ACCEPTANCE OF GIFT (Continued)

President Immendorf said that staff has worked with the City Attorney's Office to ensure that the gift is accepted properly. He outlined the procedures to accept the gift and recommended approval.

General Manager, Mary E. Burns, explained that the dollar value of the gift should be increased to approximately $2000 since the International Management Group will pay the cost incurred by a Recreation and Park Department employee who travels to New York.

In response to Commissioner Mazzola's question, President Immendorf explained that San Francisco has had 3 or 4 promoters who ran the San Francisco Marathon unsuccessfully. The new promoter thought it would be useful to have representatives from San Francisco see personally how a successful marathon is staged. A representative from Municipal Railway will also be visiting New York to learn about traffic issues.

On motion of Commissioner Sommer, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16757

WHEREAS, International Management Group and the City of San Francisco Marathon have offered the City a gift for use by the Recreation and Park Department, to pay the expenses of an official trip to New York City to observe the New York Marathon; and

WHEREAS, acceptance of this financial gift would enable the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department, to send a representative to New York City this November to observe operations related to the New York City Marathon; and

WHEREAS, the value of this gift, which is approximately $2,000, will cover the entire cost of travel and lodging for one official travelling to New York City; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED that the San Francisco Recreation and Park Commission accept this gift from International Management Group and the City of San Francisco Marathon.

3. RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT
DESIGNATION OF REPRESENTATIVE FOR GIFT TO THE CITY

Designation of the City employee who will visit New York for the purpose of gathering information on how New York conducts its marathon with expenses to be paid from the International Management Group gift.

President Immendorf suggested that **Superintendent of Recreation, Joe Robinson,** be designated to visit New York for the purpose of gathering information on how New York conducts its marathon. He felt that Mr. Robinson is responsible for issuing permits for the Department and that the trip would be educational for him.

3. **RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT**
DESIGNATION OF REPRESENTATIVE FOR GIFT TO THE CITY (Continued)

Assistant General Manager for Administration, Phil Arnold, explained that he heard that the San Francisco Marathon had trouble getting headliners to run the race and therefore had difficulty getting corporate sponsors for the race. Then the race course was changed. The City's policy now states that races must take place in the western part of the City.

On motion of Commissioner Mazzola, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16758

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Recreation and Park Commission accepted a gift from International Management Group and the City of San Francisco Marathon to defray the expenses of an official trip to New York City to observe operations related to the New York City Marathon; and

WHEREAS, This official trip to observe arrangements made by the City of New York to prepare for the New York Marathon will assist the Recreation and Park Department in continuing to improve the San Francisco Marathon; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Recreation and Park Commission now appoints Joel Robinson, Superintendent of Recreation, to represent the Recreation and Park Department at the New York Marathon to be held on November 14, 1993.

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

At this time members of the public may address the Commission on items that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Recreation and Park Commission. Members of the public may address the Commission for up to three minutes. The President or the Commission may limit the total testimony to 30 minutes.

No public comment was received.

5. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the Special Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shauna Marie Rose
Commission Secretary

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SPECIAL MEETING

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1993 - 3:00 P.M.

The Special Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Tuesday, December 14, 1993, at 3:00 p.m. by President Jack Immendorf.

1. ROLL CALL

Present:
Commissioner Jack Immendorf, President
Commissioner Sidney Chan, Vice President
Commissioner Larry Mazzola
Commissioner Vince Rovetti
Commissioner Sue Sommer
Absent:
Commissioner Bella Farrow
Commissioner Santiago Ruiz

RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT
INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT BY GENERAL MANAGER

General Manager, Mary E. Burns, explained that the Department has been through several years of very difficult budget reductions and any future reductions will be exceedingly painful. Staff wanted an opportunity to have some of the Department's support groups and the Commission briefed on the budget process.

Ms. Burns explained that the Department used to receive a substantial portion of money from Federal sources which are no longer available. When the City offered the early retirement program to its employees, 88 people from Recreation and Park took advantage of this program and 44 of those positions were never replaced. The Department has gone through 4 years of fairly substantial reduction in its General Fund support. The Department's funding structure is complicated and has some restrictions on those funds. For example:

RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT
INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT BY GENERAL MANAGER (Continued)

Recreation Division The Open Space Fund, a special tax set aside withi the City's General Fund, designates a portion of its funding for th Recreation Division's afterschool programs. Recreation also has substantial section of its budget protected, approximately $8 Million from Proposition "J" (Children's budget passed in 1991). These protecte funds maintain funds for children's services and result in substantia reductions in adult recreation programming.

Marina Yacht Harbor Fund is also restricted and any monies that ar raised at the Marina must be used there. The funds cannot be use elsewhere because the land is State tide lands that Recreation and Par operates in trust for the State.

Candlestick Park There is a certain level of funding that must b allocated to maintain the stadium and the field. There are contractua obligations with both the Giants and the 49ers.

Zoo In the past, the Zoo has suffered a fairly substantial reductio because it was largely funded by the General Fund. In July of this year the City entered into a partnership agreement with the San Francisc Zoological Society which helps the Zoo, but places a contractua obligation and more of the burden on other Department services.

Ms. Burns said that last year funding was not allocated for replacement c equipment or new equipment. The Department is not meeting its contractua obligations and it is more and more difficult to meet the needs c providing clean, safe, well-maintained facilities and quality recreatic programs.

Ms. Burns further explained that the largest section of the Departmen that receives General Fund support is Golden Gate Park. It requires abou 115 gardeners and custodians to maintain the park; the staffing level i now reduced to 81. If, reductions are made in the Golf Division, revenue producing section to the Department, then reductions will have t be made in Golden Gate Park. Golden Gate Park is tied to the touris industry and is the third to fifth reason visitors come to San Francisc However, it is in a very severe state of decline in terms of its urba forest which has reached the end of its lifetime. The Department's urba forester predicts that over the next 20-30 years 20,000 of the 30,0 trees in the park will be dead.

Over the last 4 years, the Department has had its General Fund suppor reduced $7 Million; last year it was reduced $4 Million. The projecte deficit for the City next year is between $100-$125 Million. Last year' reduction amounted to a 25% reduction of what is considered discretionar funds in the Department. Ms. Burns felt that it was impossible to reduc the Department's budget for next year without affecting services. Sh hoped that there would be a better understanding of the Department' budget process and that collectively the user groups would help to protec the Department's budget when it is considered by the Mayor and Board c Supervisors. It is estimated that between $1-3 Million will have to b cut from the Department's budget for next year. The actual dollar figu has not been released by the Mayor's Office.

2. **RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT**
REVENUE STATUS REPORT

Review of the revenue status report for the Recreation and Park Department.

Assistant General Manager for Administration, Phil Arnold, gave an overview of the Department, explaining that the operating revenues for fiscal year 1993-94 is $58,288,445. The General Fund (discretionary) portion of the operating budget is $13 Million. Recreation and Park is quite small when compared to the other 7 large discretionary City agencies (Police $170 Million, Fire $120 Million, Municipal Railway $91 Million, Health $200 Million, Social Services $200 Million, Sheriff $50 Million, and Library $17 Million).

Recreation and Park Department Operating Revenues 1993-94

Revenue Fund.....	$20,428,313 - 35.0%	Open Space....	$ 9,952,566 - 17.1%
Yacht Harbor.....	1,370,470 - 2.4%	Bond Fund.....	1,034,637 - 1.8%
Children's Fund..	8,586,941 - 14.7%	Fuhrman Bequest	198,239 - 0.3%
Zoo.....	3,553,000 - 6.1%	General Fund...	13,164,279 - 22.6%

The Revenue Fund is comprised of fees, charges and concessions that are generated by this Department for use of departmental facilities. The Open Space Fund is a Charter amendment that sets aside certain monies to be allocated for afterschool programs and for parks. The Open Space Fund also funds part of the capital budget. The Yacht Harbor Fund is a dedicated fund for the Marina. The Bond Fund comprises the Golden Gate Park bond passed in 1992, the park improvement bond passed in 1987 and a small amount from the Earthquake bond passed in 1990. The Children's Fund is a Charter amendment set aside. The Fuhrman Bequest is allocated to this Department and the Library. The Zoo is now a separate, dedicated appropriation.

In response to Commissioner Mazzola's question, Mr. Arnold explained that the Mayor's budget Director informed the Department to not cut anything from the Zoo last year. The Department submitted reductions for the Zoo and they were rejected by the Mayor's budget staff.

Last year, the Department was told to reduce its budget by 10%. Mr. Arnold felt that since the discretionary fund amounted to $13.164 Million, the reduction should have been $1.3 Million. However, the Department was forced to reduce its budget by $4 Million.

Mr. Arnold then explained the operating expenses by each program:

Adult Recreation.....	$ 1,756,161.....	3.0%
Child Recreation.....	10,504,343.....	18.0%
Administration.....	3,109,026.....	5.3%
Payments to the Other City Departments... (City Atty, Light, Heat & Power, Sewer)	4,300,018.....	7.4%
Golden Gate Park.....	6,320,118.....	10.8%
Urban Forestry, Fuhrman, Open Space.....	2,383,324.....	4.1%
Park Maintenance.....	14,090,915.....	10.8%
Camp Mather.....	610,063.....	1.0%
Golf.....	2,538,026.....	4.4%
Candlestick.....	5,866,209.....	10.1%
Zoo.....	5,439,772.....	9.3%
Marina.....	1,370,470.....	2.4%

2. **RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT**
REVENUE STATUS REPORT (Continued)

President Immendorf said the Department is being penalized for not approving frivolous claims. In some cases, the Commission has forced the City Attorney to litigate rather than settle a bogus claim. Although the City saves money the Department is penalized by increased City Attorney costs.

Mr. Arnold then explained how the Department's operating budget breaks down in terms of what is protected by statute, monies which are generated by the units, and those which are unprotected:

	Protected Funds	Self-Sustaining	Unprotected Funds	Total
Recreation - Adult Programs	-0-	556,057	1,200,104	1,756,16
Recreation - Children Prgms	10,501,343	-0-	-0-	10,501,34
Administration	905,410-	1,219,381	992,836	3,117,62
Payment to other City Depts	376,118	-0-	3,923,900	4,300,01
Golden Gate Park	909,937	2,953,790	2,456,391	6,320,11
Urban Forestry	458,219	-0-	1,919,504	2,377,72
Neighborhood Prks Maint.	6,496,656	5,157,219	2,437,040	14,090,91
Camp Mather	-0-	610,063	0	610,06
Golf	-0-	2,538,026	-0-	2,538,02
Candlestick	-0-	5,866,209	-0-	5,866,20
Zoo	124,720	1,890,000	3,425,052	5,439,77
Yacht Harbor	1,370,470	-0-	-0-	1,370,47
Total	$21,142,873	$20,790,745	$16,354,827	$58,288,44

Administration has protected funds of $905,000 from the Open Space Progra and funds that are self-sustaining include lease and concession revenue from the Property Management Division. Golden Gate Park has some protecte funds from bonds; $2.9 Million is self-sustaining from concessio activities in the park. Urban Forestry has some money protected throug Open Space and the Fuhrman Bequest. $6.5 Million is protected under th Open Space Program for neighborhood parks maintenance; $5.1 Million is sel sustaining from the garages that are below neighborhood parks. Can Mather, Golf, Candlestick and Yacht Harbor are self-sustaining. The Zoo i partially self-sustaining from the admissions it receives.

Mr. Arnold stated that the Department's revenue forecast indicated tha deficits in some accounts will be offset by surpluses in other accounts.

In response to Commissioner Rovetti's question, Mr. Arnold explained tha at Candlestick the Department receives 5% of gross admissions, son admission tax and 10% of the price of the luxury suites for the Giants With the 49ers, the Department receives 10% of the price of tickets, 15% o luxury suites, 42% of parking and $1.50 per seat, per game on th operator's admission tax.

Commissioner Chan said that one of the directors of Portsmouth Square sai there is a dispute with the Department about payment charges. A discussio ensued regarding the problems with the Portsmouth Square Garage payments The Parking and Traffic Commission is recommending that the findings in th audit be implemented and a partial rental payment has been made to th Department. However, a substantial loan payment remains outstanding.

3. **RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT**
PRIOR YEAR'S BUDGET REVIEW

Review of the impact of the past three fiscal year's budgets on the Recreation and Park Department.

Assistant General Manager for Administration, Phil Arnold, outlined the impact of the past three year's reduction on the Department:

1. In the 1990-91 fiscal year, the Recreation and Park Department had 752 authorized positions which were supported by the General Fund. As of the current (1993-94) fiscal year, 122 of these positions have been eliminated.

2. The gardening staff for Golden Gate Park has been reduced by seventeen (17) positions in the past three years (a reduction of approximately 16%).

3. The structural maintenance staff has been reduced by twenty positions (a reduction of approximately 30%).

4. The park reforestation program has lost twenty positions (a reduction of approximately 50%).

5. The Recreation staff has been reduced by thirty-five positions (a reduction of approximately 16%).

6. The administrative units of the department have lost twenty-one positions (a reduction of approximately 30%).

The impacts of the Departmental services are as follows:

1. Municipal swimming pool hours have been reduced by approximately 20%. One swimming pool (King) has been closed during the winter and another pool (Coffman) has been closed during the summer.

2 Shrubs and hedges in parks throughout the City are not being pruned on a regular schedule.

3. Litter pick-up, compounded by homeless encampments at some of the major parks, is no longer performed on a regular schedule.

4. Preventive maintenance on facilities is no longer performed on a regular basis due to the need to perform emergency repairs.

5. Health-mandated items are being performed minimally with more than a one-year backlog in the installation of backflow devices, fire sprinkler systems, fire doors and debris control.

6. Athletic fields are mowed only twice per month.

7. The reforestation program in Golden Gate Park has lengthened its planting cycle by five years at a time when the majority of the Park's trees have passed their maturity.

8. The Public Information Office of the Recreation and Park Department has been eliminated.

9. The marketing and business development staffs for the department have been eliminated.

3. **RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT**
PRIOR YEAR'S BUDGET REVIEW (Continued)

Departmental fees have been increased as follows:

1. Swimming pool fees for adults have increased by 50% to the current fe of $3 per swim. Pool fees for children have doubled to the current fee o $1 per swim.

2. Athletic field reservation fees have been increased by approximatel 25%.

3. Facility rental fees have doubled.

4. Golf green fees have increased by approximately 40%.

5. Popular public parks, such as Sharon Meadow in Golden Gate Park, ar being fenced off for paid admission events.

In response to Commissioner Rovetti's question, the former Giants owner paid the City an average of $2.3 Million; with the new owners it i approximately $1.3 Million.

Ms. Burns explained that employees are doing a lot more. For example, i neighborhood parks, people were formerly dedicated to specific parks; no there are roving crews.

Superintendent of Parks, Ron deLeon, explained that Golden Gate Par used to have 10 supervisory staff; it is now reduced to 5 although th responsibilities remain unchanged.

Commissioner Rovetti asked if the Department has explored the commute parking problem in Golden Gate Park. Mr. Arnold said that restricte parking is now done in areas in the park. However, some of the poste signs are routinely ignored. The Department of Parking and Traffic is i the process of modernizing their equipment. It may be possible in th future to have the ticket fines from Recreation and Park facilities b allocated to the Department rather than the City's General Fund.

Ms. Burns said that one of the areas under consideration in the Golde Gate Park Master Plan is the transportation issue. There is discussion t charge the commuters who use the park but it is still in the study stag and will be a very controversial issue.

Mr. Arnold said that the Department has tried a paid parking program i the park which has been met with mixed reviews. It is a not a cost fre program and the Department anticipates $50,000 in revenues from thi program.

3. **RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT**
PRIOR YEAR'S BUDGET REVIEW (Continued)

Commissioner Rovetti explained that he has received many phone calls complaining about increased fees with diminished service.

President Immendorf said it has been the policy of the Commission to not raise fees for children and, thus, fees for adult athletic recreation services have increased dramatically.

Mr. Arnold explained that the question before the Commission is whether to continue to provide some services at a greater cost or cease to provide some of the services. With the resources the Department has there is little it can do. One of the reductions proposed this year was to close the recreation centers on the weekends. The Board of Supervisors did not accept that reduction and restored funding for the recreation directors but not for the custodial services to clean the centers. The Mayor's instructions call for a firm deadline of 2/1/94 to submit the Department's budget for Fiscal Year 1994-95.

4. **RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT**
MAYOR'S BUDGET INSTRUCTIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1994-95

Review of the implications of the Mayor's budget instructions for fiscal year 1994-95 for the Recreation and Park Department.

Assistant General Manager for Administration, Phil Arnold, outlined the Mayor's budget instructions for fiscal year 1994-95:

°**Restructure department with a focus on reducing upper and middle management (describe restructuring plans in detail)** This is not a new request from the Mayor's Office. The Department has made reductions in Administration, Recreation, and Park Divisions.

°**Place more responsibility on line personnel by reducing the supervisors to line worker ratio to a minimum 1 to 8.** The average ratio for the Department is now 1 to 12.

°**Identify and describe every program that receives non-City funds and describe plans to maximize local resources to leverage additional Federal and State funds.** The Department already follows this practice.

°**Reduce the cost of providing administrative services by a minimum of 10% without reducing service levels** The only way the Department can achieve this instruction is to stop providing services.

°**Reduce travel by a minimum of 10% from FY 1993/94 and provide a department-wide summary narrative of travel stating the purpose, cost, funding source, names, and classification of personnel.** The Department's total travel budget is $12,400 of which $11,400 is for the Zoo. The Zoo travel budget is paid by the Zoological Society as of 10/10/93.

°**Reduce overtime expenses by a minimum of 10%.** Most of the Department's overtime is in conjunction with field conversion and field maintenance for baseball.

4. RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT
MAYOR'S BUDGET INSTRUCTIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1994-95 (Continued)

°Contract out internal services if it is less costly than work ordering funds to another department. This guideline is a potential saver for the Department. However, the Charter requires the Department to use the Department of Public Works for any contract over $50,000.

°Contract out services according to Proposition J guidelines. Three attempts have been made to contract out services (Senior Services Program by the Commission on Aging, the Fine Arts Museums tried to contract out custodial and security services, and Recreation and Park tried to contract out security at Candlestick Park.) The Board of Supervisors must approve this action and has denied all three requests.

°Salary savings shall not exceed 2% of permanent salaries. This requirement will require eliminating 24 positions from the Department's authorized staff.

°Eliminate a minimum of 50% of all vacant positions. If the Department continues to eliminate positions then it will end up with a shell for a Department.

°Identify every position in the budget and its source of funding, provide both management and vacant position lists, and a complete organization chart, which details both General Fund and all non-General Fund positions. This task is important but a very difficult one to fulfill.

°Do not assume any savings from any future changes in retirement, salary standardization, or benefit rates. Last year the Retirement Board lowered the contribution rate that the City pays on employee's retirement. That generated some money to balance the budget but the Department must assume the current rate of the retirement and build that cost into the budget. Last year a contract was approved with Local 790 that will cost this Department somewhere between $700,000 to $900,000 in 1994-95.

Ms. Burns said that it is important for the user groups to become more sophisticated about what it takes to deliver a specific program, such as the maintenance component (custodian, the plumber, etc.), not just the obvious classifications.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mary Gregory, representing the Randall Museum Society, explained that this meeting was very educational and helpful in understanding the Department's funding process. She felt that support groups such as the Randall Society would like to assist the Department in budget planning and said it would be helpful if they were included in the budget process. The Randall is willing to inform the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors that Recreation and Park is an important service.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT (Continued)

Kitty McInerney, representing the Sharon Arts Studio, said there was strong community support at Sharon Arts to the Recreation and Park Department. She explained that they offer adult classes and is strengthening its youth program. The Sharon Arts Studio is trying to be a self-sustaining program. She wanted to be part of any group effort the Department spearheads to demonstrate to the Board of Supervisors the importance of Recreation and Park. She felt it would require a coordinated effort on both the user groups and the Department.

Jennifer Gamarra, a parent, said there is a need for water fountains, restrooms and adequate litter cans so that the children can get a drink of water and play in a safe, clean environment. She felt that a concerted effort had to be made to emphasizethe importance of Recreation and Park.

President Immendorf suggested that the support groups and community be present at the Board of Supervisors to urge them to maintain programs and level of services.

Valerie Aiken, representing Aquatics, hoped that the Aquatics Division would not be severely cut like last year. She did not want the pool doors to be closed or the pool themselves given to the YMCA. She asked what happened to the fundraising boxes that were placed at the Airport to raise money for Recreation Park.

Ms. Burns said the first report gave $54.00 to Recreation and Park. She said the Department is in the process of redesigning the donation box to an acrylic design so that it may be more of a visual attraction. The airport is also looking at the possibility of placing the donation boxes in other areas in the airport.

President Immendorf said he did not think the City was aware of the support for Recreation and Park programs. He thought it was important to make the Board of Supervisors aware of the support from the community and user groups.

Jean Taggart, a member of the Aquatics Advisory Board, felt as if she was drowning and did not understand why there was such a small amount of discretionary funds. She wanted to know why the revenues from aquatics get placed into the General Fund. She wanted to know if the Aquatics Division would face the same budgetary reductions next year since it took the largest cut last year.

Ms. Burns explained that the Department retains all of the revenues it generates. However, the General Fund subsidy to the Department shrinks each year.

President Immendorf explained that the Aquatics Program is expensive to operate and that the Department has noticed a drop-off in other recreational programs due to increased fees and charges.

6. **PUBLIC COMMENT (Continued)**

Ms. Burns said the Department did not make all of the reductions. S said it was very important to educate the Mayor and the Board Supervisors of the importance of Recreation and Park and its program She said that adult recreation is severely impacted because there little flexibility in the Recreation Division's programs becau children's recreation programs are protected.

Mary Gregory said it would be helpful to have a breakdown of t operating costs for each program, such as the Randall Museum, and t revenues generated, so they would have a better understanding of the co of the service. If people could learn how much it costs to run a progr it would give a greater understanding of the financial picture.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further busines the Special Meeting of t Recreation and Park Commissi was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shauna Marie Rose
Commission Secretary

Note: These minutes set forth all actions taken by the Recreation and Park Commission on matters stated, but not necessarily the chronological order in which the matters were taken up.

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RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION

MINUTES

688TH REGULAR MEETING

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1993 - 2:00 P.M.

The Six Hundred and Eighty-Eighth Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Thursday, December 16, 1993, at 2:00 p.m. by President Jack Immendorf.

1. ROLL CALL

Present:
Commissioner Jack Immendorf, President
Commissioner Sidney Chan, Vice President
Commissioner Bella Farrow
Commissioner Larry Mazzola
Commissioner Vince Rovetti
Commissioner Sue Sommer
Absent:
Commissioner Santiago Ruiz

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Commissioner Sommer, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the minutes of the Special Meeting of November 5, 1993 and the Regular Meeting of November 18, 1993, were approved as presented.

3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

General Manager, Mary E. Burns, submitted the following report:

"GOLDEN GATE PARK HOLIDAY ROAD CLOSURES - 1994

In 1990, the Commission approved the holiday road closures for John F. Kennedy Drive and designated that in the future the closure of this road was to be handled administratively by the Department. Therefore, the following is the schedule for 1994 holidays:

Monday, January 17, 1994	Martin Luther King's Birthday
Monday, February 21, 1994	President's Day
Monday, May 30, 1994	Memorial Day
Monday, July 4, 1994	Independence Day
Monday, September 5, 1994	Labor Day
Thursday, November 24, 1994	Thanksgiving Day

WORKERS' COMPENSATION

I am pleased to report that with the new contractor for Workers' Compensation, the department is getting better cost information. Based on the first five months of payments, it appears we will be under budget for Workers' Compensation claims for Fiscal Year 1993-94.

SAN FRANCISCO ZOO TRANSITION

The transition of the San Francisco Zoo to Zoological Society management is progressing well. Seventeen full-time, part-time and as-needed employees have shifted from Civil Service to Society employment. Phil Arnold and Ron de Leon have worked with Peggy Burks and Tom Chiosso to implement the transition logistics. The Zoo 2000 capital campaign has reached $11.3 million, with recent large gifts from the Koret Foundation, the Osher Foundation and Bank of America.

PACIFIC ROD AND GUN CLUB

The hearing on the draft order from the Regional Water Quality Control Board regarding the Pacific Rod and Gun Club has been put over to the Board's meeting in January. Staff will attend that meeting and report back to the Commission.

RECREATION DIVISION NEEDS ASSESSMENT FOR MANAGERS

The Recreation Division has begun a series of training sessions that are designed to assess the training needs of all Recreation Supervisors. These workshops will allow staff to develop specific training programs to meet their individual and staff needs. The first session was titled, "Doing More With Less." It featured information on time management, prioritizing workloads, managing interruptions, keeping on track and how to delegate. The sessions were coordinated by the team of Curry and DeFrantz, an independent consulting firm. Regular training forums are scheduled once per month. Lorraine Lampkin will be responsible for the coordination. Hopefully, these sessions will provide information that will not only produce better supervisors, but also provide the motivation to all employees to continue their fine work through the difficult time ahead.

3. **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)**

RECREATION DIVISION HOLIDAY PARTIES

There are a number of holiday parties underway throughout the Recreation Division. The annual Tenderloin Recreation Center holiday party, which draws between 300 and 600 youngsters, takes place on Saturday, December 18, from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. If any Commissioner is available and would be interested in attending, I would suggest dropping by when lunch is being served (12:00-12:30 p.m.) or when the Christmas stockings are being distributed (12:30-1:30 p.m.). The Center is located in the basement of St. Boniface Church, 133 Golden Gate Avenue.

SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS

The following claims, under $5,000, were settled by the City Attorney's Office during the month of November 1993:

Kung, Frederick	$170.00	Barron, Linda	$ 321.66
Walashek, Jacinta	939.68	Mihalik, David	412.51
Falconi, Florence	30.00	Bui, Tam Duy	3,441.55
Kong, Patricia	173.92		

DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday, January 3 through Monday, February 28, 1994	Midwinter Fair Memorabilia Exhibit; Helen Crocker Russell Library; Golden Gate Park
Tuesday, January 4, 1994	Parks and Planning Committee; 4:00 p.m.; McLaren Lodge
Wednesday, January 5, 1994	Joint Zoo Committee Meeting; 4:30 p.m. tour, 5:00 p.m. meeting; Education Classroom, San Francisco Zoo
Monday, January 10, 1994	Golf, Yacht Harbor and Camp Mather Committee; 3:00 p.m.; McLaren Lodge
Tuesday, January 11, 1994	Select Committee on the Budget; 3:00 p.m.; McLaren Lodge
Monday, January 17, 1994	Martin Luther King, Jr., Holiday"

4. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

All matters listed hereunder constitute a Consent Calendar, are considered to be routine by the Recreation and Park Commission and will be acted upon by a single roll call vote of the Commission. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member so requests, in which event the matter shall be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered as a separate item.

On motion of Commissioner Chan, seconded by Commissioner Sommer the following items were approved:

4. CONSENT CALENDAR (Continued)

a. PERSONNEL MATTERS — RES. NO. 16776

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies the actions taken by the General Manager regarding personnel matters during the period November 4, 1993 through December 3, 1993.

b. NOE-BEAVER MINI PARK — RES. NO. 16777
NEW MOBILE FOOD CATERING LOCATION

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the new mobile food catering concession at the Noe-Beaver Mini Park.

d. SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY — RES. NO. 16778
AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENT

RESOLVED, That this Commission accepts the San Francisco Zoological Society's audited financial statement for year ending 6/30/93.

e. GOLDEN GATE PARK CARROUSEL — RES. NO. 16779

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies the free admission to Golden Gate Park Carrousel on November 20, 1993.

f. GOLDEN GATE PARK CARROUSEL — RES. NO. 16780

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves a commemorative plaque at Golden Gate Park Carrousel to read as follows:

> "The children of San Francisco gratefully acknowledge the contribution of Hyatt Corporation, Friends of Recreation and Parks, San Francisco Beautiful, and The Sherwin Williams Company to the renovation of the exterior of the Carousel in Golden Gate Park."
> November, 1993

g. MARINA YACHT HARBOR — RES. NO. 16781
WEST END RESTROOMS

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the award of contract to Pan-Marine Constructors, Inc./A.R. Construction Company in the amount of $117,861 for rehabilitation of the west end restrooms at the Marina Yacht Harbor.

h. GOLDEN GATE PARK — RES. NO. 16782
CONSERVATORY OF FLOWERS
MODIFICATION OF AGREEMENT WITH CONSERVATORY FOUNDATION

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves a policy with Conservatory Foundation to allow for reciprocal free admissions for members of certain organizations with the understanding that the Conservatory Foundation will annually report to the Commission the number of reciprocal free admissions that were rendered.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR (Continued)

i. CANDLESTICK PARK — RES. NO. 16783
ONE DAY EVENT

RESOLVED, That this Commission conceptually approves a one day event at Candlestick Park to be held on Saturday, June 25, 1994 for the San Francisco Peacequake Concert.

Item 4c was removed from the Consent Calendar and considered separately.

c. GOLDEN GATE PARK
SOUTHWEST CORNER (LINCOLN & GREAT HIGHWAY)
DESIGNATED BICYCLE/ROLLER SKATING SITE

Assistant General Manager for Administration, Phil Arnold, explained that this site in the park is used to rent rollerskates and bicycles. The site is a large, asphalt paved corner which, for the most part, is unused except for parking. Often, large trucks park there overnight. Staff asked that this area be designated for rollerskating and bicycling.

Dave Hobie, did not support commercializing Golden Gate Park.

Barbara Hobie, said she used to own a van and rented rollerskates (before the prohibition) in the park and, occasionally, parked down by Ocean Beach. She said that people do not like to rollerskate or bicycle in this location because, generally, the weather is cold. She felt that designating this area for rollerskating is a waste of money.

In response to President Immendorf's question, Mr. Arnold said there is no cost to the Department besides the barriers. He said he has witnessed many people skating in this area. Presently, there are many cars parked in the area and this proposal will rid the area of vehicles so that it can be used as a recreational area.

Mr. Arnold further explained that the Golden Gate Park Master Plan is being reviewed and this measure is an interim proposal.

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Chan, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16784

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the designation of the southwest corner site (Lincoln Way and Great Highway) of Golden Gate Park for bicycle/roller skating activities; and installation of barricades to restrict vehicles.

GENERAL CALENDAR

5. SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS
ANIMAL TRANSACTION

Zoo Director, David Anderson, explained the animal transaction: Two ruffed lemurs were donated, as part of the American Zoo Association Species Survival Program. The Zoo plans to house this bachelor group of ruffed lemurs with 2 other males, to see how the four will interact in an exhibit.

On motion of Commissioner Sommer, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16785

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies the following animal transaction (processed under Resolution No. 13572) for the San Francisco Zoological Gardens:

DONATION FROM: Fort Wayne Children's Zoo
3411 Sherman Boulevard
Fort Wayne, IN 46805
USDA #32-C-005

Two (2) Male Ruffed Lemurs

6. CONSERVATORY OF FLOWERS
DEMOLITION OF ROSEHOUSE

Approval of demolition of Conservatory Rosehouse in Golden Gate Park.

Assistant General Manager for Administration, Phil Arnold, explained that this facility is in a very dilapidated state and is literally collapsing. There is a plan to rebuild it although there are no funds. Staff is concerned for the health and safety of the workers and recommended that it be demolished.

President Immendorf said plans for the new greenhouse will incorporate, wherever possible, some of the elements of the existing structure.

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Farrow, seconded by Commissioner Sommer, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16786

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the demolition of Conservatory Rosehouse in Golden Gate Park.

7. **O'SHAUGHNESSY HOLLOW**
EMINENT DOMAIN - OPEN SPACE PROGRAM

Approval of eminent domain action to acquire Block 2949A, Lot 76, known as O'Shaughnessy Hollow, for public open space.

Assistant General Manager for Administration, Phil Arnold, explained that the Open Space Program calls for the acquisition and preservation of significant natural areas in San Francisco that have sensitive native habitat for plants or animals. Areas have been identified in the Open Space Program and the Recreation and Park and City Planning Department have been attempting to acquire them. One of the sites, O'Shaughnessy Hollow, is an undeveloped area on the west slope of Glen Canyon, a watershed site for Islais Creek. It is a natural plant and animal habitat. There are a number of native plant species found at this site. The Real Estate Department has attempted to acquire the area for public open space but has been unsuccessful. Therefore, staff is recommending that eminent domain proceedings be initiated because settlement has been unsuccessful. Subsequent to the Parks and Planning Committee, one of the owners contacted Mr. Arnold and asked if there could be a sixty day delay so they could contact the Real Estate Department. Based on this request, he recommended that the Commission approve eminent domain with a 60 day delay in the hope that the owners may work out a settlement with the Real Estate Department.

In response to President Immendorf's question, Mr. Arnold said final resolution of eminent domain issues could take years and also requires approval of the Board of Supervisors. It is preferable to have the 60 day delay in the hope that an agreement could be reached.

Commissioner Rovetti said the only correspondence he received on this issue was in favor of acquisition. He felt it was fair to postpone taking eminent domain action until such time as the owner has an opportunity to discuss a settlement with the Real Estate Department.

Commissioner Sommer said that although the Commission did not like to use eminent domain, this land and the Hawk Hill property is valuable and must be preserved as open space.

Commissioner Chan said he wanted to preserve O'Shaughnessy and Hawk Hill areas as open space.

Vicky Oppenheim, spoke on behalf of several hundred neighbors in the West of Twin Peaks area, and thanked the Commission for approving eminent domain under the qualified circumstances.

Dawn Murayama, a member of the Glen Park Association and the Friends of Glen Canyon Park, said this land is wonderful and thanked the Commission for saving this natural remnant.

Juanita Raven, a member of the Open Space Advisory Committee, said the Committee has worked hard to find significant native areas that have plant life. She thanked the Commission for supporting the preservation of O'Shaughnessy. She also stated that the Committee worked very hard to protect Hawk Hill and Glen Canyon.

7. **O'SHAUGHNESSY HOLLOW**
EMINENT DOMAIN - OPEN SPACE PROGRAM (Continued)

Clayton Mansfield, representing the San Francisco Group of the Sierra Club, strongly supported this acquisition as it was an opportunity to preserve a living remnant of San Francisco's past. As indicated, it has significant native plant community and an important wildlife habitat. He preferred a negotiated settlement rather than eminent domain and urged that the process proceed as expeditiously as possible.

Harold Wright, representing the Forest Hills Association, and West of Twin Peaks Council, presented the Commission with a resolution supporting both the O'Shaughnessy Hollow and Hawk Hill acquisitions.

Greg Gaar, Board member of the Haight Ashbury Neighborhood Council and the California Native Plant Society, Yerba Buena Chapter, displayed a photograph of O'Shaughnessy Hollow. He said that the area is rich with plant material. He was pleased that the Commission wanted to acquire this area and hated to use eminent domain but felt the sites must be acquired as soon as possible. There is a lot of restoration work that needs to be done to keep the invasive weeds out of the sites and to protect the native plant community. The City's Master Plan policy stipulates to protect and preserve significant natural resource areas and both Hawk Hill and O'Shaughnessy Hollow meet that criteria.

Lucretia Levinger, spoke on behalf of the Friends of Glen Canyon, and was pleased that the Commission wanted to proceed with eminent domain to acquire the O'Shaughnessy Hollow area.

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Farrow, seconded by Commissioner Sommer, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16787

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves eminent domain action to acquire Block 2949A, Lot 76, known as O'Shaughnessy Hollow, for public open space; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That action under this Resolution shall be delayed 60 days in order for the Real Estate Department to meet with the owners of the property.

8. **HAWK HILL**
EMINENT DOMAIN - OPEN SPACE PROGRAM

Approval of eminent domain action to acquire Block 2336, Lot 27, known as Hawk Hill, for public open space.

Assistant General Manager for Administration, Phil Arnold, explained that Hawk Hill is located on the West side of Golden Gate Heights, on Funston, north of Herbert Hoover Middle School. Hawk Hill is one of the last remaining sand dune areas in the City that has not been developed. There are significant natural plant communities on it and it also offers spectacular, panoramic views of the City. The Real Estate Department made an offer to the owner and has received no response. Mr. Arnold said that many of the people who supported the O'Shaughnessy Hollow acquisition support eminent domain action for Hawk Hill.

8. HAWK HILL
EMINENT DOMAIN - OPEN SPACE PROGRAM (Continued)

G. Joseph Bertain, Jr., a resident of San Francisco since 1955, said that the Parks and Planning Committee made the proper recommendation. He said taking this legal step toward eminent domain is appropriate. He urged that this issue be forwarded to the Board of Supervisors for approval and to protect the bird habitat.

Bruce Krell, spoke in favor of eminent domain and said this action gives the City an opportunity to move quickly to protect the site. He urged the Commission to move swiftly to acquire the property and thanked them for their support.

Bettie Pennebaker, supported the Hawk Hill acquisition.

Hugh Pennebaker, said this area is the last remains of a very significant geological area and wanted to preserve it.

Clayton Mansfield, urged the Commission to proceed with eminent domain for Hawk Hill and to not delay the process. He thought it was valuable to proceed with this acquisition.

Harold Wright, felt that O'Shaughnessy Hollow and Hawk Hill should be considered as one issue before the Board of Supervisors so that the community could speak in support of both issues.

Mrs. Robert Vienot, reported that the hawks are doing quite well at this site.

Al Kurz, explained that he has studied wildlife for the past ten years and supported eminent domain for Hawk Hill.

Greg Gaar, displayed photographs of indigenous plants on Hawk Hill and explained it is a remnant of the sand dunes that originally extended 7 miles inland from the ocean. He further explained that this land was School District property that was sold at one time because it was considered surplus. He urged that both O'Shaughnessy Hollow and Hawk Hill be considered at the same time before the Board of Supervisors.

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Sommer, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16788

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves eminent domain action to acquire Block 2336, Lot 27, known as Hawk Hill, for public open space.

9. **ADAM ROGERS PARK REHABILITATION**

Approval of park rehabilitation plan for Adam Rogers Park.

Assistant General Manager for Administration, Phil Arnold, explained that Adam Rogers Park is on a hillside, overlooking Hunters Point and the Candlestick Point recreational area. Abandoned cars were formerly dumped at this site and it had a rundown children's playground and unattended meadow. The Open Space Program allocated money to the San Francisco League of Urban Gardeners to work with the neighborhood and develop a community garden. There is now a plan to improve the playground, place a basketball court with bleachers nestled into the hillside, install a barbecue area, relocate the community garden to the top of the park, and construct a restroom facility in the park. He recommended approval.

President Immendorf explained that the Parks and Planning Committee recommended approval of this item with the understanding that a full service bathroom be constructed and that an effort be made to use local community contractors for the renovation.

Sylvia Simmons, thanked the Commission for approving the first phase of the renovation and said that it is a vision beginning to become a reality. It was her dream, along with others in the community, to see this park become one of the model parks in the Bayview Hunters Point.

Joshua Bloom, supported the renovation and said an extensive outreach process was done with over 300 surveys collected and a number of design workshops within the community.

James Monroe, said that Adam Rogers was a product of San Francisco and if the plan was approved, this Commission will enhance the Bayview Hunters Point area and please the community.

Espanola Jackson, asked the Commission to support the plan that is before the Commission today. She further explained that she heard last night that the King Pool is closed. She urged the Commission to respond positively to the community's plea to reopen the swimming pool.

General Manager, Mary E. Burns, explained that during last year's budget process, the Aquatics Division suffered severe reductions with Coffman and King pools. When King Pool was closed at the end of the summer program, the structural maintenance division discovered an extremely hazardous condition with the roof. Until the roof can be replaced, the pool cannot be reopened. This project will cost $572,000. The Open Space Committee will be considering funding for this project in January.

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Chan, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16789

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the park rehabilitation plan for Adam Rogers Park.

10. **MAYOR'S OFFICE OF CHILDREN, YOUTH & THEIR FAMILIES APPROVAL OF 1993-94 CHILDREN SERVICES PLAN**

Approval of the Mayor's Office of Children, Youth and Their Families 1994-95 Children Services Plan.

Superintendent of Recreation, Joel Robinson, explained that the Charter requires that the Commission approve the Children Services Plan. Staff has reviewed the document and is only concerned about one specific issue which he has discussed with the Mayor's Office of Children, Youth and Their Families. The area of concern is the language in the plan which states that funds will be approved based on Recreation and Park's ability to leverage funds. Mr. Robinson said that the Mayor's Office has agreed to modify this language so that the Department will not be forced to leverage funds in order to receive funding. Recreation and Park programs that are funded from the Children Services Program are running extremely well and all of the sites are at capacity. The Department has 30 young people working year round and recommended adoption provided the language is amended to staff's satisfaction.

Anthony Lincoln, Director of the Mayor's Office of Children, Youth and Their Families, commended Recreation and Park staff for their help in implementing the Children Services Plan. In its first year the plan allocated 40% of its monies to City Departments and 60% to community agencies. One of the visions he had when he assumed his position was to bridge departments together to work on the same programs. There are now over 400 non-profit agencies funded from his office; 100 contracts representing 400 non-profits; five City departments (Library, Social Services, Health, Recreation and Park, and Juvenile Probation). In 17 months all of these agencies have been brought together. His office now has a planning body of 37 individuals, comprised of City agencies, 12 neighborhood communities, 7 advocates, all who work on children's issues which have a multitude of needs in addition to recreational activities.

Mr. Lincoln further explained that the plan does contain language about leveraging because he wants to encourage departments to find ways to maximize the City dollars. However, he was aware that this language may produce a hardship on the services rendered by Recreation and Park. He said he would make sure that this wording will not affect Recreation and Park.

Commissioner Sommer asked if the collaborative planning committee was funded through the Children's budget. Mr. Lincoln explained that it was a volunteer committee. She did not want to start and expend monies on a new data base when other City agencies already have the computer software. The School District has a data base and City agencies are going to input the necessary information. Mr. Lincoln said that no children's budget funds will be used to create a new data base.

On motion of Commissioner Farrow, seconded by Commissioner Chan, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16790

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the Mayor's Office of Children, Youth and Their Families 1994-95 Children Services Plan.

11. **DELAVEAGA DELL, GOLDEN GATE PARK**
AIDS MEMORIAL GROVE IMPROVEMENTS

Approval of AIDS Memorial Grove site improvements at DeLaveaga Dell, Golden Gate Park.

Assistant General Manager for Administration, Phil Arnold, explained that this project has been ongoing for some time. The Commission previously approved, in concept, the restoration of DeLaveaga Dell, off of Middle Drive. Several years ago, this area was a swamp area which has now been cleaned up by volunteers and Department staff. The Commission is being asked to approve 5 specific improvements which have been part of the concept plan. The renovation areas are the main entry to the Dell, the meadow overlook on Middle Drive that will have steps down into the dell, the redwood circle at the bottom of the dell, the dogwood crescent on the east end of the dell, and the fern grotto on the west end of the dell. The improvements are wonderful and he wholeheartedly endorsed it.

Kerry Katherine Enright, Director of the AIDS Memorial Grove, said the project has been in existence for several years and the work has been a volunteer venture until this year. She was hired in July and is now ready to start a capital campaign beginning next year to raise funds to build the improvements and to endow a full-time gardener at the site.

Todd Cole, a landscape designer, helped to facilitate the design and clear the landscape. He fully supported the project and said that sometimes, there were as many as 200 people working to clean the Dell.

Alice Russell-Shapiro, has been with this project as a volunteer for about 4 years. She said it was her feeling that the volunteers have given back this area of the park to the people of San Francisco. This site had fallen to complete disuse and disrepair and is now beautiful. She wanted to continue the work that they started and fully supported the proposed improvements.

Commissioner Sommer said the area has been transformed from this volunteer effort. She said the spirit of this venture is wonderful.

General Manager, Mary E. Burns, said that this project has educated the many volunteers on how difficult it is to maintain Golden Gate Park. It was her hope that this project could serve as a model to other groups who want to help with projects. Although volunteers are very valuable, much of the work needs to be done by trained horticulturalists. This group has made a commitment to raise the necessary funds to endow a fund to hire a gardener to maintain the area in the future.

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Sommer, seconded by Commissioner Rovetti, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16791

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the AIDS Memorial Grove site improvements at DeLaveaga Dell, Golden Gate Park.

12. GLEN CANYON PARK

Approval of stream restoration project at Glen Canyon Park.

Park Planner, Joanne Wilson, explained that this proposal is to restore a stream that runs through Glen Canyon Park. There are many natural resources in this area and, historically, there was a free flowing stream through Glen Canyon. Over the past few decades, due to urbanization and erosion, the stream has transformed from a free flowing stream, to a marshy swamp, filled with debris and sediment. Last March, a study of the natural resources was completed for Glen Canyon by an environmental consultant. One of its recommendations was that steps be taken to restore the stream. The debris and sentiment would be removed from the stream and 3, 30' long pools would be be restored in the stream to allow some of the fish and wildlife to return. The pool would have 2 check dams to force water through the dams at a faster rate, creating a scouring action. Deflectors would be placed in the stream. Historically, the fish species that used to be in the stream include a minnow called the California roach, a threespine stickleback and the Sacramento sucker. There was possibly a small population of steelhead trout. This area is heavily wooded with willow trees. It is proposed that the willows be thinned to allow more sunlight to the stream so that certain insect species could be re-introduced such as the San Francisco Forktail Damselfly. The Damselfly is a natural predator of mosquitos and the mosquito population has increased since the Damselfly is no longer present. This project would be funded through the San Francisco Conservation Corp.

Beth Saltzman, explained that she was unaware of the stream restoration project and had only heard that a bridge was going to be placed in Glen Canyon. Since she was unaware of the project, the idea of placing a bridge over a marsh area seemed foolish. Now she realized what the project entailed and felt that the public needed to be made aware of the project.

Ms. Wilson said that a proposal was presented to the Commission last month to improve the trail at Glen Canyon and that two community meetings were held regarding the renovation plans at Glen Canyon.

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Sommer, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16792

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the stream restoration project at Glen Canyon Park.

13. MARINA YACHT HARBOR
SUSPENSION OF WAITING LIST PROCEDURES

Approval to suspend the Waiting List Procedures for a one-time mass assignment of vacant berths at the Marina Yacht Harbor.

Marina Manager, Gary Davis, explained that under the current procedure there is a fifteen day period for waiting list participants to decide whether they want a berth at the Marina. When the procedures were established staff expected that the process would be efficient. However, there are a number of vacant berths and he proposed that all of the berths be assigned at the same time, bypasing the 15 day waiting period. Mr. Davis proposed that all eligible waiting list participants be notified by certified mail with a follow up phone call making sure they are aware of the process. If, for any reason, the participant cannot attend the meeting he/she would be allowed to designate someone to stand in for them to select a berth. The balance of the current waiting list procedures would then be followed with the exception of the 15 day waiting period. It was suggested that the largest berths be assigned first rather than the smaller ones. Staff would expect the deposit to be paid, a contract to be signed, and if the berth holder was not present, an appointment made for the berth holder to sign the contract. Mr. Davis hoped that this mass assignment would fill all of the existing berths that are vacant.

Nine berths will be displaced due to the construction of handicap access in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act; those berths will be removed for construction. Once the assignment process is completed, staff will revert back to the waiting list procedures as they were designed.

Mr. Davis intended to invite not only the individuals who are eligible for berths but also alternatives who may want to exercise their option to get a berth. If there are still vacant berths then he would advertise in a local sail magazine.

Commissioner Rovetti explained that people have been on the waiting list for 18-20 years and he did not understand why so many berths were vacant. He said the Marina is losing money by having vacant berths.

Mr. Davis said that 4 berths are being assigned each month. He said many people are opting to transfer to a different berth size than taking the vacant berth which lengthens the berth assignment process. Staff did not begin to assign berths until last August due to an audit conducted by the Controller's Office and the Budget Analyst's Office.

In response to Commissioner Sommer's question, Mr. Davis explained if someone upgraded to a different berth and did not like it, then they would have to pay an additional $50 and get back on the waiting list. Commissioner Sommer did not think it was fair to only get two choices and then be placed at the bottom of the waiting list. She wanted to look at that issue.

On recommendation of the Golf, Yacht Harbor and Camp Mather Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Rovetti, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

13. **MARINA YACHT HARBOR**
SUSPENSION OF WAITING LIST PROCEDURES **RES. NO. 16793**

RESOLVED, That this Commission grants approval to suspend the Waiting List Procedures for a one-time mass assignment of vacant berths at the Marina Yacht Harbor.

1. Notices will be sent to all eligible waiting list participants plus three or four alternates. For example, if there are four 20-foot berths available, eight people will be notified; four from the internal list and four from the external list. Each notice will provide the participant a list of available berths and his/her precedent date. If a participant provides written permission to the Harbor Office prior to the date of the meeting, an alternate will be allowed to choose a berth for him/her.

2. If a berth holder cannot attend, he/she must contact the Harbor Office immediately. Failure to contact the office will count as one refusal. Failure to appear or be present when his/her name is called will also count as one refusal. No more than one refusal will be charged to a participant during this special process.

3. At 8:30 a.m., we will open the doors and have all participants sign in. At 9:00 a.m., we will begin by calling the name of the first participant. Each individual will choose a berth as his/her name is called. When all of the available berths are assigned, any remaining participant will be placed back on the waiting list in his/her respective position.

4. All assignments will be made in rank order from the appropriate waiting list. We will start with the external waiting list and alternate between internal and external lists by berth size using the following schedule:

9:00 a.m.	40-foot berths
9:20 a.m.	35-foot berths
9:40 a.m.	30-foot berths
10:00 a.m.	25-foot berths
10:30 a.m.	20-foot berths

5. Each participant will be required to attend an orientation session with Harbor staff immediately following the berth assignment. This orientation will include a summary of the rules and regulations, explanation of the billing process, completion and signature on the berthing agreement and signature on the statement for deposit. Deposits will be required at this time.

6. By suspending the Waiting List Procedures for this one time "group" assignment, all currently available berths will be filled with permanent tenants. As berths become available through normal attrition, the previously established procedures can be used as originally intended.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That upon completion of this one-time mass assignment of vacant berths, the waiting list procedures will be re-instituted as originally approved on July 25, 1991.

14. GOLDEN GATE PARK TENNIS COURT
AWARD OF LEASE

Approval of Award of the tennis concession lease for the Golden Gate Park Tennis Courts to Sharon Nevins and John Huebner, dba: Tennis Mastery.

Assistant General Manager, for Administration, Phil Arnold, explained that he was pleased to present this lease to the Commission. This lease will guarantee $65,000 annually in revenue to the Department in the form of $40,000 from court fees and $25,000 from other operations. The lease is for a 5 year term with a 5 year option to renew at the Department's discretion. The concessionaire will assume the operation and management of the concession 7 days a week, from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. during the summer and 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. during the winter.

On recommendation of the Finance and Candlestick Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Chan, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16794

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the award of the tennis concession lease for the Golden Gate Park Tennis Courts to Sharon Nevins and John Huebner, dba: Tennis Mastery. Said lease will be for a five year term with a five year option to renew at the discretion of the Recreation and Park Commission.

15. GOLDEN GATE PARK STABLES
FEE INCREASE

Approval of fee increases effective January 1, 1994 for Golden Gate Park Stables.

Assistant General Manager, for Administration, Phil Arnold, explained that the rate increase before the Commission is a significant increase in every category except for extra bedding and summer camp. He felt that the rates proposed are at or below what other Stables charge for similar types of services. These rates will generate substantial revenue, amounting to $100,000 annually. The increase will be allocated as follows: 25% for personnel costs (wages and additional personnel), 25% for overhead and operation (feed, materials and equipment), and the balance to be used for capital improvements. The operator has agreed to begin to renovate the stalls. The renovation of the stalls is one of the major elements in the Stables bid package and will lower the overall costs for the new concessionaire. Staff did not think that the renovation of the stalls should be delayed. The current fees are below market and there is a clear need to make capital improvements although the Department does not have funding for this work. Mr. Arnold further explained that it could be as long as 7-9 months before the bid is awarded for the Stables.

Mr. Arnold said that the monthly board rate will increase from $275 to $325 and is supported by the market place. While there may be an issue raised that the stalls are in poor condition, the stalls are located in the prime area of Golden Gate Park. The biggest single increase proposed is the holding fee. In the past, it has been practice to allow a person

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who has a stall, if the horse is not in the stall due to illness or some other reason to be afforded a substantial discount. Staff regards a stall as a rent and feels it should not be discounted. However, a $2.00 deduction for food will be afforded to the holding fee if the stall is vacant.

In response to Commissioner Rovetti's question, Mr. Arnold commented that although the present operator has not made a commitment to bid on the stables, they have expressed interest. Commissioner Rovetti suggested that the fees raised should be placed in a special account and set aside for renovations until the bid is finalized and awarded.

Mr. Arnold said this concept was considered but if a rate increase is withheld the operator will lose money in its current operation. Although a small fee increase could have been proposed, none of it would have gone toward capital improvements. Staff felt that there was an opportunity to begin to make some of the necessary renovations that should not be deferred.

President Immendorf suggested that a provision be included in the increase that stipulates a certain percentage of the increase shall be allocated towards renovations.

Commissioner Chan shared some of the concerns of Commissioner Rovetti and asked how will the current operator be obligated to spend money for the renovations. While the present operator has pledged to renovate the stalls there is nothing that binds him to perform the renovations. Conversely, he said it was unfair to require the operator to give all of the increase to the Department. He hoped that a compromise could be reached on this issue.

Mr. Arnold said that this would present an issue of good faith for both parties and that if the operator did not make the required improvements they could be disqualified to bid on the Golden Gate Park Stables.

Commissioner Mazzola suggested that the requirement to renovate 2 stalls per month be put in writing.

Commissioner Sommer commented that there seems to be concern that renovating 2 stalls a month is inefficient and that it may spook the horse. She asked if the Department planned to monitor the renovation work.

Mr. Arnold said there is a difference of opinion as to whether it is appropriate to renovate 1, 2 or 6 stalls at once. If 6 stalls are renovated at once you displace 12-15 horses. The renovation work will begin during the rainy period and nobody wants the horses to be in the rain.

Seraphina Mackenzie, explained that she has been assisting at the Stables since June and felt the Stables were well run. She praised the present operators and discussed the care given to the horses. She felt that the present operators were deserving of a fee increase.

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FEE INCREASE (Continued)

Karen Bruehl, explained that she has used the Stables since 1980 and witnessed the prior and present management. She spoke in favor of the increase and of current management and commented that they have been operating under very difficult circumstances, on a month-to-month basis. She urged that the fees be approved.

John E. Gallegos, explained that his daughter takes riding lessons at the Stables. He commended the present operator. Mr. Gallegos volunteers at the Stables and noted that it is a recreational activity for San Francisco and its citizens. He supported the increase.

Ira DellaMonica, works at the Stables and has been riding since she was 5. She said the horses at the barn are well cared for and each horse has a specialized diet. She uses this stable because it is accessible by public transit and affordable. She was worried about the fee increase because it would be more difficult for her to ride although she felt the Stables needed more money.

Betty Silverman the Golden Gate Park Stables Boarder's representative, explained that a majority of the boarders have no quarrel with an increase because there has not been a raise in 2-1/2 years. Since the boarders are entitled to due notice, the fee increase should be effective 2/1/94. She emphasized that the feed should read 1 flake of alfalfa and 2 flake of oat hay. Ms. Silverman was opposed to the holding fee and said that management uses vacant stalls for its school horses or other horses.

Marianne Duggal, said the present management has upgraded the horses and gives them a specialized diet. She was pleased with the quality of the tack and felt that although the stalls are not attractive the horses are well cared for by management. The operator also offers programs for children.

Audrey Kung, 12 years old, said that many people attended this hearing because the Golden Gate Park Stables are very important to them. Through the present operators, Polly and Shay, she has learned to care for horses. She praised the management who have been unable to make improvements because they operate under a month-to-month agreement. She liked the atmosphere at the stables and the youth and summer programs offered.

Rosemary Bruns, explained that she has been riding at the Stables since 1988 and that the present operators have made improvements at the Stables. She favored the increase and trusted the operators implicitly.

Mimi Nuelle, a student at the Golden Gate Park Stables, spends 5 days a week at the Stables, and said that Polly and Shay operate a well run facility. She said the horses are exercised properly. She felt that the operators deserved a fee increase.

Cathy Biro, a student at the Golden Gate Park Stables, agreed with the previous statements. She takes public transportation to the Stables and uses all her funds to ride as much as she can. She supported the increase and the staff at the Stables.

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FEE INCREASE (Continued)

Jerry Lombardi, part of the management at the Golden Gate Park Stables explained that they will renovate 2 stalls per month. He described the renovation process which will include obtaining the necessary permits, removing the horses that are near the stalls, raising the concrete partition between the stall, replacing the partition between the stalls with pressure treated 2 x 6 lumber, and pigeon proofing all of the surfaces inside the stall by the use of wire netting. The floors will be leveled and the waterers will be relocated, preferably on a concrete wall. He said the Stables has not had a rate increase in 2-1/2 years and have been unable to put money into the facility.

Barbara Paqual, a member of the Golden Gate Park Stables Student Association, favored the fee increase to improve the facility and also expressed support for the current management. She said the operators are extremely professional and dedicated.

Polly Dignan, the manager of the Golden Gate Park Stables, said that it has taken 3-1/2 years to build up the student program, where they introduced jumping. In order to maintain this type of program they must be able to pay quality teachers, provide the tack, equipment and the horses. Without an increase, salaries will have to be reduced.

Mickey Dennis, felt the operators deserved an increase. The instructors are professional. She has two children who ride at the Stables. She said that the present management takes good care of the school horses. She commented that she preferred the holding fee to be less than what was proposed.

Jann Heumann Pacelli, a 20 year boarder at the Golden Gate Park Stables, strongly objected to the holding fee, explaining that if the horse is not in the Golden Gate Park Stables, due to illness, they are paying outside boarding and medical costs. She felt that the holding fee will cause the horse to suffer and preferred the present holding fee which escalates $50 incrementally the longer the horse is gone from the Stables.

In response to President Immendorf's question, the present agreement does not allow the boarder to sublet the stall, however, management can place another horse in the stall.

Shay Morris, the existing manager at the Stables, explained that when they assumed operation of the Stables they made improvements: power hosed and painted the entire facility, installed 20 new doors and door jams all of which had to be custom made, installed automatic waterers, provided sand for the upper arena, installed fire extinguishers, purchased new tack, bought over 20 new school horses to upgrade the caliber of the horses and increased the number of feedings. She further explained that they offered pro bono programs for inner City youth and won 2 awards from the Mayor's Office.

Susan Lombardi, supported the rent increase but was not in favor of the holding fee. She has two horses, both presently injured. She said the horses will be out of the Stables for a year or more and it is a big expense to pay to have the horse in pasture and the proposed holding fee.

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FEE INCREASE (Continued)

Marian Parker, a student at the Stables for over a decade was aware of both the former and present management. She supported the management and the rate increase. She said that a decade ago she was paying a few dollars less than what she now pays for group lessons, that the teachers are excellent and the horses are better groomed.

Kathleen Williams, a student at the Stables, who takes semi-private lessons, supported the rate increase and was happy to pay a little more for lessons at the Golden Gate Park Stables. She supported both Polly and Shay, the present operators.

Joe Dignan, said that they planned to bid on the Stables and it was in their interest to make sure that the improvements were done correctly. He said the construction schedule was arranged to displace a minimum number of horses and that there is insufficient space to move 12 horses to another location. It is known that there is a problem with noise, as some horses are more sensitive to noise than others, and they are aware of this situation. He said they are making a commitment to use their funds to make the repairs upfront, long before the revenues are realized.

Lori LaPorta, a student at the Golden Gate Park Stables and a member of the Student Association, said the Stables are public and that having a horse is very expensive. She felt that if the horse was removed from the stall for whatever reason, it should be considered part of the cost of the horse. These stalls are in great demand and it is a public stable on public land. She did an informal survey of other stables in the area and almost all of them charge for board. She supported the fee increase and the operators.

Jenny Kung, student at the Stables, supported the fee increase and Polly and Shay. She felt they were deserving of a fee increase.

Nora McGee, a student at the Stables, supported the management at the Stables and did not know how they were able to operate the Stables on limited funds. She said the fee increase was long overdue.

Lori Hom, a resident of San Francisco and one of the organizers of the Student Association, supported the rate increase and management.

Kenny Conlin, a concerned parent whose daughter rides at the Stables, supported the rate increase. She said San Francisco is noted for its unique beauty and it is great to have a stables in the City. The current operators are very caring people and do an outstanding job. The current operator inherited most of the infrastructure problems at the Stables but has tried to many improvements. She was pleased with the summer camp for youth and was willing to pay the fee increase.

Kathy Mroz, displayed pictures of the stalls and said that she opposed to the rate increase until the bid package is completed. She wanted the increase denied until such time as the Commission and City Attorney reviewed and commented on a packet of material she presented. She also requested a copy of the present agreement with the Stables operator. She said that present management agreed to fix holes in the wall and floors of a stall and did not do it and that she receives nothing as a boarder. She asked the Commission to deny the fee increase.

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FEE INCREASE (Continued)

Rick van Duzer, a student at the Stables, had no opposition to the rate increase but asked the Commission to consider the fact that a year from now, when the lease is awarded, it will require another $500,000 in improvements resulting in another fee increase. He said that although this fee increase is justified it is the first step in escalating fees to the point that the Stables will only be affordable to those who are wealthy.

Jodi Nunnari, a member of the Golden Gate Park Stables Student Association, reminded the Commission that there are over 400 students who generate much of the Stables' revenue. She supported the fee increase and looked forward to working with the management and the City to improve the facility. This fee increase will (1) pay reasonable staff salaries, (2) horses, and (3) tack.

Carol Hamby, a boarder and prospective bidder, did not understand the need to rush the increase since the bid package was now ready. She felt the plans to renovate the stalls was very inefficient and did not address the electrical problems that exists in many of the stalls. It was her opinion that renovating the stalls one at a time would upset the horses. She said after the stalls are pigeon proofed, it will have to removed at a later date to repair the electrical problems.

Dennis Hamby, said he had a City electrician look at the Stables who felt it was in a dangerous state. He felt that the renovations contemplated should prevent loss of a life problems rather than cosmetic work. He, too, planned to bid on the Golden Gate Park Stables.

Helen Norris, part of the Golden Gate Park Stables management, said that one of the advantages of doing the stalls now is that it will give the operators a chance to know how the horses will tolerate the construction. It will be a valuable lesson to see what it is like to have ongoing construction.

Jeffrey Morris, part of the Golden Gate Park Stables Management, said that the bid package states it is the Department's responsibility to install utility infrastructure to and from the demised premises and to include water, sewer and electrical lines within the demised premises. He said that they brought this rate increase to staff in July in good faith and it appeared before the Commission in September. After making very little money this year, there is no choice, without an increase, to cut back on services, lay-off staff, sell school horses, or reduce their insurance and workers' compensation liability. The rate increase is necessary to maintain and increase the quality and quantity of public lessons, horses, tack and instructors. If it is expected that the lessee will pay $600,000 of improvements, it is necessary to show a lender an income statement that generates enough income to amortize the improvements.

15. **GOLDEN GATE PARK STABLES**
FEE INCREASE (Continued)

President Immendorf said there is a demonstrated need for the fee increase but was concerned about the holding fee. He asked if an agreement could made whereby if a stall is used by the concessionaire, then a certain amount could be credited to the boarder. He commented that one of the speakers, **Elza Porter**, suggested that the horses should be fed according to individual need rather than the present allocation. He suggested that the percentages of where the fee increase was to be allocated should be clearly spelled out.

Commissioner Rovetti said the Commission is so close to awarding a new lease that he preferred the fee increase to be earmarked. If someone else is awarded the lease and does not like the renovations that were done then the Commission will be back to square one.

In response to Commissioner Sommer's question, Mr. Arnold explained that Proposition A funds (Golden Gate Park Bond Issue of 1992) will pay for the underground utilities leading to the perimeter to the Stables area. The Department will not assume responsibility of the interior of the Stables. Mr. Arnold further explained that there is a Master Plan for renovations of the Stables and that the stall renovations proposed by the operator are consistent with that plan.

Commissioner Sommer said the operator has waited a long time for the Commission to act on this fee request. She could not make them wait for an increase. She made a motion to approve the fee increase with the exception of the holding fee; Commissioner Chan seconded this motion.

President Immendorf asked if a portion of the increase could be earmarked for improvements. Commissioner Sommer was willing to amend her motion to include this concept; Commissioner Chan seconded the amended motion.

Commissioner Chan said that the Commission should grant the increase to the operator but was concerned about the improvements. He did not want the current operator to make the improvements and then have the future operator dislike what was done, should the present operator be unsuccessful in its bid. He preferred written documentation on the improvements. He was willing to consider Commissioner Rovetti's concept to put the money in an escrow account for the new operator to make the improvements.

A discussion ensued regarding whether or not the improvements should be deferred until the new operator is in place at the Stables. Commissioner Mazzola felt that the Commission should approve the increase and that the operator should proceed with the improvements. The motion to approve the fee increase with the exception of the holding fee failed to pass.

Mr. Arnold informed the Commission that it would cost between $1500-$2000 per stall to renovate the stalls. A discussion ensued regarding designating a specific dollar amount. Staff felt that designating stalls per month was fair and the operator has pledged to complete this work. The operator commented that if they did not make the improvement their month-to-month agreement could be terminated.

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FEE INCREASE (Continued)

Mr. Arnold said if the operator does not make the commitment to repair 2 stalls a month it might be questionable to award them a bid if they did not meet their agreement.

Commissioner Sommer made a motion to approve the increase provided the holding fee is addressed at a later date and that the current operator agrees to improve 2 stalls every month, beginning with the worst stalls, from the effective date of the increase. Commissioner Farrow seconded this motion.

On recommendation of the Finance and Candlestick Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Sommer, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16795

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves monthly board fees effective February 1, 1994 for Golden Gate Park Stables, as follows:

	CURRENT	APPROVED
Monthly Board: daily ration of 1/3 bale bedding, one flake of alfalfa & two flake oats.	$275	$325 effective 2/1/94

FURTHER RESOLVED, That this Commission approves other fee changes effective January 1, 1994 for Golden Gate Park Stables, as follows:

Lessons		
1 Hr, Private	$30	$35
1 Hr, Semi-private (2 People)	$20	$25
1 Hr, Semi-private (3 People)	$18	$22
1 Hr, Group (4 + persons)	$15 per person	$20 per person
1 Hr, Group (6 Lesson Pkg -Pre Paid)	$15 per person	$18 per person
No Show Fee:	$10	Operator to keep 50% of per lesson fee
Jumping	$25	$25
Summer Camp	$300/week	$300/week
Ages 8-12 Includes approximately 20 hrs of riding per week		
Trailrides: 1 Hr W/Guide		
Private	$30	$35
Group 2 - 10	$18	$20
Group of 4 + with advance reservation	$18	$18
Extra Feed (Boarder)	$60	$70
Extra Bedding (Boarder)	$50	$50
New Services		
Infant's Pony Ride assisted, 10 min.	$ 4	$ 4
Discounts available for groups of 4+		
Student Leasing		
School horse 4 times per month	$50	$50

5:25 p.m. - 5:35 p.m. the Commission recessed. Commissioner Farrow left the meeting.

16. **GOLDEN GATE PARK STABLES**
BID PACKAGE/LEASE

Approval of Golden Gate Park Stables bid package and proposed lease.

Assistant General Manager, for Administration, Phil Arnold, explained that the proposed lease for Stables is not structured to make money but rather to make the stables a public recreational facility. The lease requires a capital improvement program because the Department does not have the funds to perform them. The rates are somewhat low compared to other Recreation and Park concessions. The term of the lease is long and the scoring sheet is geared toward programs, not money. The Stables is a public facility that provides a public program and staff is encouraging bidders to enhance and expand the public aspect of the Stables. It is a 15 year lease with a 5 year option at the discretion of Recreation and Park. It is premised on the rate package just approved by the Commission. Staff believes that sufficient revenue can be generated that will not warrant a huge fee increase in subsequent years. If this is not the case, then there would be negotiation or an adjustment on the rate structure and the division of the revenue between the City and the operator.

In addition to the existing stables Bercut Equitation Field, west of the Stables area, will be part of the Stables concession. Use of this field is now scheduled by the Department. If the operator expands the school program then Bercut Field is necessary. The qualifications for the night manager have been modified to require 3 years of full-time experience as a night manager and experience as an animal health technician or veterinarian technician with large animals. Originally all utilities improvements were the obligation of the concessionaire. Staff has agreed to replace underground utilities leading from the street to the Stables area. Mr. Arnold further proposed modifying the minimum bid to be $50,000 or 7% rather than 10%. It is a bid item and someone could go above that.

President Immendorf understood that there is a matter of controversy about Bercut Field.

Commissioner Mazzola asked questions regarding the City ordinances that were included in the bid package and wondered why certain City rules were not reduced to writing.

In response to President Immendorf's question, this lease does not require approval from the Human Rights Commission.

Helen Norris, said the lease agreement should contain some way for the successful bidder to re-assign the lease if, for some reason, they cannot continue. She further suggested that rates should be aligned to the Consumer Price Index (CPI) as a way of monitoring the increases in the future.

M. Schmidt, spoke about Bercut Field and said he represented the San Francisco Horsemen, the San Francisco Posse, and personal riders. He has been riding all his life and said they built Bercut Field and furnished the material. Over the years these groups maintained the field, fixed the gates, railings and stands. A benefit horse show has been held for the last 32 years for the Recreation Center for the Handicapped. He wanted Bercut Field to remain public and said it is used often by the people who just want to ride in Golden Gate Park.

16. GOLDEN GATE PARK STABLES
BID PACKAGE/LEASE (Continued)

Joe Dignan, was concerned about use of Bercut Field and said it was key to the financial aspect of the bid package. There is presently a shortage of rings and the intent of the lease to increase the number of school horses. The operator needed the ability to regularly schedule Bercut Field for lessons but felt it would be possible to have other groups use the Field. He was unsure if the $50,000 rent was realistic given that the improvements cost between $600,000-750,000. He asked the Commission to consider modifying this section to give a suggested minimum rent rather than a required minimum rent.

Nichola Taylor, the night manager at the Stables, was glad that the qualifications of the night manager were modified. She was concerned about the number of hours the night manager is required to be on the premises and said the lease will require the night manager to be on site for a 14 hour shift on weekends and would have to be be present from 5:00 p.m. Sunday night until 7:00 a.m. Tuesday morning. She was opposed to this requirement.

Jerry Lombardi, said that the $50,000 minimum rent requirement would not work in the later years of the lease and was an unreasonable expectation. He also felt that the lease should be assumable and that every rate change should not require Commission approval. He noted that it has taken 6 months to get a simple increase that everyone agreed upon and that the rate increase should be tied to the Consumer Price Index (CPI) or some other agreed upon guidelines.

Jeffrey Morris, stated that just because the percentage rent for the Stables lease was 7% for the last 22 years did not make it correct. He said that 22 years ago Cal Rossi was awarded the lease, never made the improvements and went bankrupt; Joe Barnes assumed the lease and never made improvements. He said a stables in Los Angeles has gone through foreclosure and now pays 5% with unlimited right to change their services and rates within some parameters. Commercial real estate and retail business pay between 4-6%. He said they would not bid if the minimum requirement remained unchanged. He said the word "minimum" acceptable bid be changed to "suggested" and see how the bids come in.

Marilyn Villarreal, said that she echoed the sentiments of M. Schmidt and felt that Golden Gate Park is for the public.

Jodi Nunnari, a member of the Golden Gate Park Stables Students Association, said they view the Bercut Field in a different way. She felt the Field would be more accessible to the public if it is included in the bid package. She was concerned that the improvements needed for the Stables may require a future fee increase and said if the facility is to be kept accessible to the public the rates must be kept reasonable.

16. GOLDEN GATE PARK STABLES
BID PACKAGE/LEASE (Continued)

Betty Silverman, said that in the bid package the minimum boarders were cut down and that previous commissions kept the number to 45. She further stated that the concessionaire only made $37,000 last year so how can the lease contain $50,000 minimum rent. Ms. Silverman explained that Bercut Field was made possible by Peter Bercut, a former Recreation and Park Commissioner. She said the field should remain public and was willing to make a $5000 donation to the Department if the Commission passed a resolution stating that Bercut Field will remain a public arena.

Polly Dignan, said that perhaps the Department can find another location in the park rather than Bercut Field for the Stables's use. She said a ring is critical for the school program and that it would be nice to have the rate increase tied into the Consumer Price Index (CPI) to shorten the approval process.

Shay Morris, said that the School Program will pay for 70% of the capital improvements and it cannot be done with only 2 arenas. Last year January was the wettest month and they made more money on a school horse versus a boarding horse. She said that qualifications for the night manager concerned her and said if a life threatening case presents itself they will contact a veterinarian.

Susan Lombardi, supported keeping Bercut Field public. She suggested that another site be developed for a third riding ring for the Stables.

Kathy Mroz, wanted the bid package to be distributed as soon as possible. She said that someone needs to be at the Stables during the night. She urged the Commission to approve the bid package.

Carol Hamby, was pleased that the percentage had been lowered. She said that the more rent paid to the Department the more fees will have to be raised to implement the basic improvements. She did not have a problem with the assignment provision of the bid package.

Dennis Hamby, recounted problems with other stables that have gone bankrupt. He said if the rent is forced to be high then it will be difficult to refurbish the facility the way they desire.

President Immendorf asked Mr. Arnold to respond to some of the comments made by the public. Mr. Arnold said that he felt including Bercut Field in the lease is not privatization but rather allows it to be part of the public operation. The scheduling of this field will be through the operator. Economically, the stables are very limited in their capacity to generate income. Staff has looked at alternate locations to place a arena and has not found a suitable site. If the rates are to be remain reasonable then a third ring is needed to expand their operation.

A discussion ensued regarding the appropriateness of including Bercut Field or the dressage ring as part of the bid package. Mr. Arnold explained that at one point both Bercut Field and the dressage ring were included in the bid; it has now been modified to just Bercut Field.

16. GOLDEN GATE PARK STABLES
BID PACKAGE/LEASE (Continued)

Commissioner Rovetti was concerned about taking Bercut Field from the public's use. He did not want to see every recreational activity have a fee component.

Commissioner Mazzola said that the way the bid is structured the operator would have the priority in the scheduling of Bercut Equitation Field. He asked if a designated number of days could be set aside for public's use. Mr. Arnold said that the operator is required to provide a plan to staff that includes all of the individual groups who have used the Field.

Mr. Arnold said the use of Bercut Field has been discussed at public meetings and has been part of the bid package from the beginning. Staff started out with a larger demised area and has reduced it. Mr. Arnold said the lease will not be assigned without the approval of the Commission. He read from the proposed lease to substantiate this statement.

President Immendorf asked if a one month delay would help staff to meet with the various parties or should the bid request for proposal go out. Mr. Arnold said that in the first tennis court lease there was no minimum specified and all of the bids ended up being unresponsive.

Commissioner Mazzola said that the language seems to protect the public in its use of Bercut Field. and that it gives safeguards.

Mr Arnold said there is a minimum requirement in the bid that guarantees at least 25 boarders but there is a lease provision that when stalls become available they can go to the public riding school program. If this occurs, there should be sufficient revenue without another fee increase.

In response to Commissioner Chan's question, Mr. Arnold said that the current operator would like to have the Consumer Price Index adjustment built into the rates.

On recommendation of the Finance and Candlestick Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Chan, seconded by Commissioner Mazzola, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16796

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the Golden Gate Park Stables bid package and proposed lease.

ACTION: Approved the lease by the following vote:
Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Immendorf, Mazzola, Sommer
Noes: Commissioner Rovetti
Absent: Commissioners Farrow, Ruiz

17. **SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS**
PROPOSED 1994 TICKET PRICES
Approval of proposed 1994 ticket prices for the San Francisco Giants.

Assistant General Manager, for Administration, Phil Arnold, explained that the Giants are requesting a fee increase. He said that some of the ticket prices will place the team at the high range and other ticket prices put them at the low end. The Giants lease states that approval of rates cannot be unreasonably withheld by the Commission and, therefore, he recommended approval.

Jack Bair, Director of Legal and Government Affairs for the San Francisco Giants, apologized that the invoices were sent to season ticket holders in advance of receiving formal approval from the Commission. He pledged that next year the price increase would be submitted in a timely fashion. He felt that the Giants ticket prices were reasonable when compared to other teams and enumerated the rates, noting that there are reduced rates for children and services. The Giants have one of the highest player payrolls in the league and must raise a certain amount of revenue in order to remain competitive. The Giants price increase is one of the best bargains as compared to ticket prices for the 49ers football, San Jose Sharks hockey, and Warriors basketball. He said that baseball is still an affordable sport. He further explained that 7000 tickets are given to Recreation and Park for summer programs and that a number of free tickets are given to other communities.

Commissioner Rovetti asked if the Giants would be willing to give a portion of the fee increase back to Recreation and Park programs. He said that the Department lost over $1 Million in revenues from the new Giants agreement.

Mr. Bair said that the increase will bring revenue to the City from the rent and that they offer many community programs. He reminded the Commission that the franchise almost left the City because it was losing millions of dollars. The Giants' management wants the franchise to be profitable and is willing to work with the Department.

Commissioner Sommer said she did not want to consider fee increases on a yearly basis.

On recommendation of the Finance and Candlestick Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Mazzola, seconded by Commissioner Chan, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16797

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the proposed 1994 ticket prices for the San Francisco Giants as follows:

	Present	Approved	Child	Senior
MVP Lower Box (Sections 1-13)	$17.50	$19.50	N/A	N/A
MVP Lower Box (Sections 14 & 15)	12.25	19.50	N/A	N/A
Lower Box (Sections 16-23)	12.25	15.00	N/A	N/A
MVP Upper Box (Sections 1-17)	12.25	15.00	N/A	N/A
Upper Box (Sections 18-62)	11.25	12.00	N/A	N/A

17. **SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS**
PROPOSED 1994 TICKET PRICES

RES. NO. 16797
(Continued)

	Present	Approved	Child	Senior
Lower Reserved	10.25	12.00	N/A	$6.00
Upper Reserved	6.75	7.00	$5.00	3.50
Pavillion	5.25	6.00	3.00	3.00
Bleachers	4.75	5.00	N/A	N/A

Senior prices will only be available Monday through Friday
Child prices are available everyday except Opening Day

18. **CANDLESTICK PARK**
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS
PARKING FEE INCREASE

Consideration of a price increase for automobile parking from $6.00 to $7.00 for the San Francisco Giants 1994 season.

Assistant General Manager, for Administration, Phil Arnold, explained that the Giants have requested a fee increase for parking. Staff did a survey and found the rates to be within the $5-$10 range. The requested increase cannot be unreasonably withheld by the Commission.

In response to Commissioner Mazzola's question, Mr. Arnold said that the Department used to receive 97.5% from the parking fees for baseball. But when the initiative was circulated by the citizens to overturn the proposed $1 per year rent on the Giants lease it did not overturn the giveaway on parking revenues.

Jack Bair, Director of Legal and Government Affairs for the San Francisco Giants, said that the Giants paid $1.3 Million in rent last year and do not receive any revenue from the scoreboard operating agreement and pay for the cost of security within the stadium.

On recommendation of the Finance and Candlestick Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Chan, seconded by Commissioner Sommer, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16798

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves a price increase for automobile parking from $6.00 to $7.00 for the San Francisco Giants 1994 season.

19. **CANDLESTICK PARK SCOREBOARD**
THIRD AMENDMENT TO SONY SCOREBOARD AGREEMENT

Approval of amendment to Sony Scoreboard Agreement to provide upgrade of video-replay board at Candlestick Park.

Commissioner Sommer said that she wanted to table this item because she had obtained some information on other display boards that are much more updated than Sony can provide. She said she was aware of a corporation that is in the Bay Area that should be given a chance to make a presentation to the Commission.

President Immendorf said that he was concerned that if the item was deferred there will not be an opportunity to install the scoreboard.

19. CANDLESTICK PARK SCOREBOARD
THIRD AMENDMENT TO SONY SCOREBOARD AGREEMENT (Continued)

Assistant General Manager, for Administration, Phil Arnold, explaine that according to Sony, the installation needs to be done as soon a possible, although he felt there are other windows of time to install it.

Commissioner Sommer said that the scoreboard will enhance the visit t Candlestick.

Mr. Arnold said that legally the City has a lease with Sony until 1997 The present scoreboard is faded and unusable during the day. There is life cycle to a video board and that the more it is used the quicker i fades.

Commissioner Sommer expressed a desire to have a policy that ban advertising for alcohol. Mr. Arnold explained that the Commission onl has a policy to ban future advertising for tobacco.

In response to Commissioner Mazzola's question for clarification, Mr Arnold explained that the package to replace the board and upgrade th equipment will cost approximately $5 Million. In order to finance tha upgrade and guarantee enough revenue to operate and maintain the board the lease needs to be extended two more years. He said that the 49ers an the Giants want a video that works and the present one is difficult to se during day games.

Jack Bair, Director of Legal and Government Affairs for the Sa Francisco Giants, said that the Giants do not have any authority with th agreement but they do want the board fixed as they think it is a detrimen to the enjoyment of the game.

Arnold said that the latest offer is 6% on a floating prime, 6 years capped at 8 1/2%. Instead of Sony keeping the first $1 Million, as is no the case, they would keep the first $1.6 Million from which they would pa the cost of the board, and the operating and maintenance costs. Th overage revenue would be split with the City receiving 2/3 and Son receiving 1/3. He further explained that if this item could be tax exemp then lease financing could be done at a lower rate. However, this actio would require approval from the electorate.

On motion of Commissioner Chan, seconded by Commissioner Mazzola, th following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16799

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the third amendment to Son Scoreboard Agreement to provide upgrade of video-replay board a Candlestick Park.

ACTION: Approved the lease by the following vote:
Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Immendorf, Mazzola, Rovetti
Noes: Commissioner Sommer
Absent: Commissioners Farrow, Ruiz

Items 20 and 21 were considered together.

20. **CANDLESTICK PARK**
SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS
APPROVAL OF NINTH AMENDMENT

Approval of ninth amendment to the lease with San Francisco 49ers to provide funds for improvements to Candlestick Park.

21. **CANDLESTICK PARK**
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS
APPROVAL OF FIFTH AMENDMENT

Approval of fifth amendment to the lease with the San Francisco Giants providing funds for improvements to Candlestick Park.

Assistant General Manager, for Administration, Phil Arnold, explained that if a renovation program goes forward for Candlestick Park, there is insufficient funds to finance the project. These two items would provide financing from the Giants and the 49ers at the rate of $900,000 apiece. With the money that is available in the Candlestick Park Fund, and the $1.8 Million, there should be sufficient funds to finance the renovation program.

On recommendation of the Finance and Candlestick Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Sommer, seconded by Commissioner Mazzola, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16800

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the ninth amendment to the lease with San Francisco 49ers to provide funds for improvements to Candlestick Park.

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the fifth amendment to the lease with the San Francisco Giants providing funds for improvements to Candlestick Park.

22. **SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION**
FUNDS FOR CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

Approval of Supplemental Appropriation in the amount of $260,000 to provide additional funds for the City Attorney's Office.

Assistant General Manager, for Administration, Phil Arnold, explained that the City Attorney's Office submitted a bill to the Department which is more than what was budgeted. The Mayor and the Controller directed the Department to submit a Supplemental Appropriation request. The $260,000 overage is based on increased litigation costs, particularly with the American with Disabilities Act (ADA) litigation at Candlestick Park, the Food Not Bombs case, and a few claims that the Department and Commission refused to settle, forcing them to be litigated.

22. **SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION**
FUNDS FOR CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE (Continued)

Commissioner Sommer wanted the Department not to penalized, but rathe rewarded, for not settling frivolous claims.

Mr. Arnold said that he did not think that the Supplemental Appropriatio request would be approved by the Mayor, based on the Mayor's staf comments.

On recommendation of the Finance and Candlestick Committee, and on motio of Commissioner Mazzola, seconded by Commissioner Chan, the followin resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16802

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves a Supplemental Appropriatio request in the amount of $260,000 to provide additional funds for th City Attorney's Office.

22a. **CLEAN WATER PROGRAM**
LINCOLN PARK/GREAT HIGHWAY
RICHMOND TRANSPORT FACILITIES

Approval of Richmond Transport Sewer Line to be constructed under Lincol Park with a forty-two inch main under the Great Highway from Balboa t Fulton Streets.

Assistant General Manager, for Administration, Phil Arnold, explaine that there is a map in the packet describing the project to tunnel a area below ground under the Great Highway.

Commissioner Mazzola asked if the contract would require Commissio approval since the work will be done on the property, albeit below th ground level. Mr. Arnold said that he would review that issue and infor the Commission.

On motion of Commissioner Sommer, seconded by Commissioner Chan, th following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16803

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the Richmond Transport Sewer Lir to be constructed under Lincoln Park with a forty-two inch main under th Great Highway from Balboa to Fulton Streets.

22b. **RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT**
PARCEL TAX

Consideration of a parcel tax for Recreation and Park Department prograr and facilities for submission to the Board of Supervisors.

Assistant General Manager, for Administration, Phil Arnold, explain that he was advised this matter should be considered at a later date a recommended that the item be tabled at this time.

On motion of Commissioner Mazzola, seconded by Commissioner Sommer, th item was tabled.

23. ACCEPTANCE OF GIFT

On motion of Commissioner Sommer, seconded by Commissioner Chan, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16805

RESOLVED, That this Commission accepts a gift from the San Francisco Orchid Society in the amount of $600 for the Conservatory of Flowers orchid collection.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That a letter of thanks shall be sent to the donor,

24. PUBLIC COMMENT

At this time members of the public may address the Commission on items that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Recreation and Park Commission. Members of the public may address the Commission for up to three minutes. The President or the Commission may limit the total testimony to 30 minutes.

Emeric Kalman, said that the waiting list was never verified or certified by appropriate authorities as to its accuracy. He asked that any assignment of a berth be conditional pending certification of the integrity of the waiting list. He thought there might be an error in the waiting list and that somebody might bring legal action against the Department. He further asked that a new lease be renegotiated for the St. Francis Yacht Club since they only pay $6000 a month rent.

25. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Commissioner Rovetti felt that when Commissioners are present at events they should be publicly recognized for their attendance.

In response to Commissioner Mazzola's questions, **General Manager, Mary E. Burns,** explained that the only items that bypass the Commission's Committee process, are those of an emergency nature, where timing does not allow it. When this occurs, the issue is raised at the Committee level as a staff report and placed on the subsequent Commission calendar. Ms. Burns said that she reviews such matters with the President of the Commission.

26. COMMISSION COMMITTEE REPORTS

The following Commission Committee reports were submitted for the record:

Joint Zoo Committee Meeting of November 3, 1993
Golf, Yacht Harbor and Camp Mather Committee Meeting of December 6, 1993
Parks and Planning Committee Meeting of December 7, 1993
Finance and Candlestick Committee Meeting of December 8, 1993

27. **ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Commissioner Sommer, the meeting was adjourned in memory of Cyr Copertini, former scheduling secretary to Mayors Moscone, Feinstein, Agnos and Jordan, who passed away recently.

There being no further business, the 688th Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shauna Marie Rose
Commission Secretary

Note: These minutes set forth all actions taken by the Recreation and Park Commission on matters stated, but not necessarily the chronological order in which the matters were taken up.

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SPECIAL MEETING

TUESDAY, JANUARY 11, 1994 - 3:45 P.M.

The Special Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Tuesday, January 11, 1994, at 3:45 p.m. by President Jack Immendorf.

1. ROLL CALL

Present:
Commissioner Jack Immendorf, President
Commissioner Sidney Chan, Vice President
Commissioner Bella Farrow
Commissioner Larry Mazzola (noted present at 3:50 p.m.)
Commissioner Vince Rovetti
Commissioner Sue Sommer
Absent:
Commissioner Santiago Ruiz

2. CANDLESTICK PARK
SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS
APPROVAL OF NINTH AND FIFTH AMENDMENT

Revision of the ninth amendment to the lease with San Francisco 49ers and the fifth amendment to the lease with the San Francisco Giants to provide additional funding for improvements to Candlestick Park.

President Immendorf explained that the Commission had previously approved amendments to the lease agreements with the 49ers and the Giants so that each team would provide $900,000 in advance rental payments to make further renovations and repairs at Candlestick Park during the off season. In a recent meeting regarding Candlestick Park renovations and the new requirements associated with the Americans with Disabilities Act, it became apparent that there was a shortage of funds to make the improvements. The 49ers and Giants have both agreed to increase the $900,000 advancement to $1.1 Million. The lease amendments are scheduled to be considered by the Budget Committee of the Board of Supervisors' on 1/12/94 but they require Commission approval prior to that meeting.

2. **CANDLESTICK PARK**
SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS
APPROVAL OF NINTH AND FIFTH AMENDMENT (Continued)

Assistant General Manager for Administration, Phil Arnold, said that the additional money needed for the renovation will come from the 49er playoff game scheduled for Saturday, 1/15/94. This playoff game was not budgeted and will give the necessary revenue for the renovations. There will not be a major capital improvement project for next year. Rather, next year's revenues will be used to to pay the debt for this renovation project.

On motion of Commissioner Chan, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16806

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves a revision to the fifth amendment to the lease with the San Francisco Giants and the ninth amendment to the lease with the San Francisco 49ers to provide $1.1 Million each for improvements to Candlestick Park.

Approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Farrow, Immendorf, Rovetti, Sommer
Absent: Commissioners Mazzola, Ruiz

3. **CANDLESTICK PARK**
AWARD OF CONTRACT

Approval of Award of Contract for Candlestick Park renovations.

Assistant General Manager for Administration, Phil Arnold, explained that two qualified bids have been received for the renovation work, the low bid is Nibbi-Tom and the second bid is Barnes-Lem. Nibbi-Tom has not submitted all of the required information to the Human Rights Commission (HRC) and therefore HRC has not certified the bid. Barnes-Lem, the second bid, has been certified by the HRC but is $150-180,000 higher in cost. The Recreation and Park Commission cannot take action until the Human Rights Commission certifies the contract.

In response to President Immendorf's question, Mr. Arnold said that the Commission could approve the Nibbi-Tom or Barnes-Lem contract dependent on the Human Rights Commission findings, with the understanding that the Commission preferred the low bid.

In response to Commissioner Rovetti's question, Mr. Arnold said that Nibbi-Lowe is still involved in litigation with Volume Services regarding concession improvements that were done at Candlestick Park in 1993.

Commissioner Mazzola explained that he could not approve the Nibbi-Tom contract because he was aware that Nibbi has not paid some of the subcontractors from a previous contract. He said this contract is a another case of a general contractor bidding the same type of work and who will most likely administer the contract in the same fashion.

3. CANDLESTICK PARK
AWARD OF CONTRACT (Continued)

Commissioner Mazzola said that Nibbi had a contract with Volume Services and the subcontractors were not paid. President Immendorf arranged a meeting of the parties to discuss this issue and it is still unresolved. Although the Nibbi litigation is a separate issue from the Recreation and Park Commission he could not approve this contract to Nibbi-Tom knowing these facts. He commented that a few of the subcontractors will be out of business if they are not paid. Commissioner Mazzola felt that the Candlestick Park renovation plan was necessary and that it should be approved, but he, personally, could not approve due to his association with the San Francisco Building Trades Council.

Commissioner Mazzola further stated that he did not understand the Recreation and Park Commission's role in approving contracts and said that it seems to approve any contract that is certified by the Human Rights Commission. He again commented that he did not want to stop the Candlestick Park project because the renovation work was necessary.

Mr. Arnold explained that if the Commission decided to take no action on this contract then it would have to be re-bid. The Commission cannot choose the second bid rather than the low bid.

President Immendorf pointed out that the City is already involved in litigation, over accessibility issues at Candlestick Park with an organization that represents the disabled community. The City also made a commitment to bring the Super Bowl to San Francisco in 1999 and the 49ers must make their request this year. This contract will enlarge the seating capacity to 70,000+, incorporate field level seating, renovate and upgrade all of the restrooms to make them accessible, and provide additional accessible seating throughout the stadium. There is a very small window of time to perform this work and hence the reason for expediting the award of the contract. He asked that the contract be approved despite the issues raised by Commissioner Mazzola.

President Immendorf said that Commissioner Mazzola is concerned that the large contractors can afford to litigate while the small subcontractors lose their livelihood.

Commissioner Rovetti said he, too, was concerned because even though the Commission is not directly involved with the Nibbi/Volume Services contract, it should protect the businesses that performed the work. He was angered by the sentiment that members of this Commission merely "rubber stamp" projects. He said that if there was any doubt in his mind that the contract should not be awarded he could not approve the contract simply because Nibbi-Tom was the low bid.

President Immendorf said that the concerns expressed at the meeting should be forwarded to the Nibbi firm and to the Human Rights Commission. He suggested that the minutes along with a letter outlining these concerns be forwarded to both parties. He said that the Commission did not have any choice if it wanted the renovation project completed. He said the City Charter also places constraints on the Commission's role regarding Department of Public Works' projects.

3. **CANDLESTICK PARK**
AWARD OF CONTRACT (Continued)

Commissioner Mazzola said that he met with the Director of the Human Rights Commission to discuss this issue and will be meeting with that Commission to discuss all of the City contracts in the future.

President Immendorf asked that the low bid be approved and if the Human Rights Commission rejects it then the next low bid be approved.

Commissioner Rovetti asked why this Commission was considering the matter at this time when all of the information had not yet been presented to the Human Rights Commission. Mr. Arnold explained that staff wanted approval to enable construction to begin as soon as possible.

President Immendorf said there is a very short time period to complete the renovation work and that rain may impede completion of the project.

On motion of Commissioner Chan, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16807

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves an award of contract to Nibbi-Tom for the Phase VIIIB renovations at Candlestick Park and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That if Nibbi-Tom is disqualified by the Human Rights Commission then the bid shall be awarded to Barnes-Lem for the Phase VIIIB renovations at Candlestick Park.

Approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Farrow, Immendorf, Rovetti
Noes: Commissioners Mazzola, Sommer
Absent: Commissioner Ruiz

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment was received.

5. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the Special Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shauna Marie Rose
Commission Secretary

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689TH REGULAR MEETING

THURSDAY, JANUARY 20, 1994 - 2:00 P.M.

The Six Hundred and Eighty-Ninth Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Thursday, January 20, 1994, at 2:00 p.m. by President Jack Immendorf.

1. ROLL CALL

Present:
Commissioner Jack Immendorf, President
Commissioner Sidney Chan, Vice President
Commissioner Bella Farrow
Commissioner Larry Mazzola
Commissioner Sue Sommer

Absent:
Commissioner Vince Rovetti
Commissioner Santiago Ruiz

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Commissioner Mazzola, seconded by Commissioner Sommer, the minutes of the Special Meeting of December 14, 1993 and the Regular Meeting of December 16, 1993, were approved as presented.

3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

General Manager, Mary E. Burns, submitted the following report:

"BUDGET

The Mayor has issued his budget targets for 1994-95. Budget targets give a high priority to Police, Fire, Sheriff and Muni, all of which will receive General Fund increases. The Recreation and Park Department has been given two targets. The higher of the two is $9.4 million and will allow us to continue our current level of service. The lower target is approximately $8.6 million and, if implemented, will require a reduction in service. A special meeting of the Select Committee on the Budget will be held in February to review the budget submittal and to determine what cuts will need to be made if the lower General Fund target is implemented by the Mayor.

At your places is a copy of the press release issued by the Mayor on his spending plan for 1994-95.

HILLS PROJECT

The San Francisco Recreation and Park Department is being asked to collaborate on the "Hills Project" by the Mayor's Office of Children, Youth and their Families with the San Francisco Ballet, Fine Arts Museum of San Francisco, San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, San Francisco Opera, San Francisco Symphony and the San Francisco Unified School District.

This program will bring a free afterschool Visual and Performing Arts Program to children who live in the Western Addition. The program, which will target children in the third through fifth grades, is scheduled to start February 14, 1994 and operate through the end of the school year.

The Fine Arts Museum will be conducting classes on the art and culture of Egypt and West Africa at Hamilton Recreation Center on Mondays and Wednesdays, 2:30 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. Prior to each class the children will be given a nutritious snack. Recreation directors will be assigned to work 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. with this project through funding from the Mayor's Office of Children, Youth, and their Families.

PACIFIC ROD AND GUN CLUB

The Regional Water Quality Control Board finally held a hearing on its draft Cease and Desist Order to discontinue use of lead shot and clay pigeons at Lake Merced. The Board upheld the staff recommendation and adopted the following compliance dates:

March 1, 1994	Work plan for implementation of lead ban.
October 1, 1994	Cessation of lead disposition.
April 1, 1994	Work plan for alternatives to clay targets that contain asphalt.
June 1, 1994	Work plan to study birds/ducks to determine if they are ingesting lead and identify the risk to wildlife.

3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)

PACIFIC ROD AND GUN CLUB (Continued)

The City and County of San Francisco, Recreation and Park Department, will become responsible for compliance if the Rod and Gun Club defaults, under a time schedule revised to reflect the status of task completion at the time of failure to comply. The City Attorney's Office and Recreation and Park Department staff will meet with the Rod and Gun Club in the near future to learn how the Club intends to proceed.

GRANTS

The Hamilton Teen Center has received a special grant of $16,000 from the Health Department to conduct a special anti-tobacco program for girls in the Western Addition. The program will be known as GAT (Girls Against Tobacco). The GAT task force program will focus on providing wholesome recreational opportunities for the Western Addition's female population between the ages of 11 and 14 and educating program participants about the damage tobacco use can cause.

Two grant applications submitted by this Department for ISTEA funds failed to make the first cut for funding. This is the same fund that granted the Beach Chalet Restoration funds. The two projects denied included the renovation of the Park Presidio/Crossover Drive corridor through Golden Gate Park and a Civic Center pavement restoration project.

Notification was received that funding of $295,000 from California Boating and Waterways has been granted for the public boat launch near Pier 54, San Francisco's only public boat launch into the Bay near China Basin.

STRYBING ARBORETUM SOCIETY

The Society is sponsoring a workshop, "Designing the Mixed Border," on Friday, February 11, from 9:15 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the County Fair Building in Golden Gate Park. The Society is also joining forces with Horticulture Magazine in sponsoring "Mastering the Mixed Border," a day-long symposium on design, plants and garden style, on Saturday, February 12, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at the County Fair Building in Golden Gate Park. At your places you will find flyers with further details.

CALIFORNIA PARK AND RECREATION SOCIETY CONFERENCE

Barring any problems related to the earthquake in Southern California, I will be attending the annual California Park and Recreation Society Conference in Anaheim, February 2 through 6, 1994.

SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS

The following claims, under $5,000, were settled by the City Attorney's Office during the month of December 1993:

Sheets, Lynnette M.	$ 599.83	Lucas, Cindy (minor)	$1,114.81
Cheung, Iris	500.00	Waugh, Sharon	270.00
Francis, Carlton	1,200.00		

3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)

DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday, February 1, 1994	Parks and Planning Committee; 4:00 p.m.; McLaren Lodge
Wednesday, February 2, 1994	Joint Zoo Committee Meeting; 4:30 p.m. tour, 5:00 p.m. meeting; Education Classroom, San Francisco Zoo
Thursday, February 3, 1994	Finance and Candlestick Committee; 4:00 p.m.; McLaren Lodge"

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters listed hereunder constitute a Consent Calendar, are considered to be routine by the Recreation and Park Commission and will be acted upon by a single roll call vote of the Commission. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member so requests, in which event the matter shall be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered as a separate item.

On motion of Commissioner Chan, seconded by Commissioner Sommer, the following items were approved:

a. PERSONNEL MATTERS — RES. NO. 16808

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies the actions taken by the General Manager regarding personnel matters during the period December 4, 1993 through January 3, 1994.

b. HUNTINGTON SQUARE
DANCING SPRITES RENOVATION — RES. NO. 16809

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the restoration of Dancing Sprites sculpture at Huntington Square.

c. SWIMMING POOLS - FREE ADMISSION
OBSERVANCE OF MARTIN LUTHER KING JR'S BIRTHDAY — RES. NO. 16810

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies free admission to swimming pools in observance of Martin Luther King Jr's Birthday on Saturday, January 15, 1994.

d. BALBOA PARK — RES. NO. 16811

RESOLVED, That this Commission grants permission for the Department of Public Works to install a controller for the Fire Department's AWSS high pressure water system at Balboa Park.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR (Continued)

e. **GOLDEN GATE PARK** RES. NO. 16812
JAPANESE TEA GARDEN
WATERFALL RESTORATION

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the Japanese Tea Garden waterfall restoration for the 1994 Midwinter Fair Centennial Celebration.

f. **SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS** RES. NO. 16813
ANIMAL TRANSACTIONS

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies the following animal transactions (processed under Resolution No. 13572) for the San Francisco Zoological Gardens:

DONATION TO: Point Defiance Zoo
5400 North Pearl Street
Tacoma, WA 98407
USDA #91-C-003
One (1) Male Siamang

DONATION FROM: Marine World
Marine World Parkway
Vallejo, CA 94589
USDA #93-C-021
One (1) California Banded King Snake

DONATION TO: Marine World
Marine World Parkway
Vallejo, CA 94589
USDA #93-C-021
Two (2) Female Cochin Chickens

PURCHASED FROM: Pittsburgh Zoo
P. O. Box 5250
Pittsburgh, PA 15206-0250
USDA #23-C-009
One (1) Male Ostrich valued at $4,000

DONATION TO: Boy Scouts of America, Troop 543
Seba Dalkai School
Star Route
Winslow, AZ 86047
Two (2) Male Llamas and one (1) female Llama

g. **SAN FRANCISCO LEAGUE OF URBAN GARDENERS (SLUG)** RES. NO. 16814
MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the modification of contract with the San Francisco League of Urban Gardeners (SLUG) to extend the contract to June 30, 1995 and to provide services at the following park properties:

Randall Museum Adam Rogers Mini Park Potrero del Sol

4. CONSENT CALENDAR (Continued)

h. MISSION DOLORES PARK — RES. NO. 16815
APPROVAL OF WHEELCHAIR BOARDING PLATFORM

RESOLVED, That this Commission grants approval for MUNI to place a wheelchair boarding platform at 18th and Church Streets in Dolores Park.

i. ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS — RES. NO. 16816

RESOLVED, That this Commission accepts the following gifts valued at $31,911.00, for the Recreation and Park Department:

1. From Public Relations Worldwide, through Friends of Recreation and Parks, $1,000.00, for the Recreation and Park Department Volunteer Recognition Program.

2. From Miranda Lux Foundation, through Friends of Recreation and Parks, $2,000.00, for the Recreation and Park Department Teen Volunteer Program.

3. From Netherlands National Tourist Office, through Friends of Recreation and Parks, $1,000.00, for the Queen Wilhelmina Tulip Garden.

4. From ABN Amro Bank, N.V., through Friends of Recreation and Parks, $500.00, for the Queen Wilhelmina Tulip Garden.

5. From Philips Semiconductors, through Friends of Recreation and Parks, $500.00, for the Queen Wilhelmina Tulip Garden.

6. From Rabobank Nederland, through Friends of Recreation and Parks, $1,000.00, for the Queen Wilhelmina Tulip Garden.

7. From the Walter S. Johnson Foundation, through Friends of Recreation and Parks, $5,000.00, for the Palace of Fine Arts Maintenance Fund.

8. From Jerry Spolter, through Friends of Recreation and Parks, $3,000.00, for bridle paths.

9. From Betty Silverman, through Friends of Recreation and Parks, $1,000.00, for bridle paths.

10. From Cecile Chiquette, through Friends of Recreation and Parks, $2,000.00, for bridle paths.

11. From St. Anthony Foundation, through Friends of Recreation and Parks, $1,500.00, for the Tenderloin Recreation Center.

12. From the Conservatory Foundation, improvements to the mist system for the East wing at the Conservatory of Flowers, valued at $4,210.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR (Continued)

i. ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS (Continued) RES. NO. 16816 (Continued)

13. From the Conservatory Foundation, improvements to the mist system to support the greenhouse at the Conservatory of Flowers, valued at $1,604.

14. From the Conservatory Foundation, boiler system pumps for the Conservatory of Flowers, valued at $2,443.

15. From the Conservatory Foundation, greenhouse supplies for the Conservatory of Flowers, valued at $3,560.

16. From the Conservatory Foundation, plant materials for the Conservatory of Flowers, valued at $1,594.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That appropriate letters of thanks shall be sent to the donors.

GENERAL CALENDAR

5. MARINA YACHT HARBOR
BERTH RATE INCREASE

Approval of berth rate increase at the Marina Yacht Harbor effective April 1, 1994.

Marina Manager, Gary Davis, explained that for Fiscal Year 1993-94 the Marina Yacht Harbor has a $1.5 Million budget but only receives $1.2 Million in revenues. Since the last berth fee increase in 1988, staff has closed out capital projects and used the unreserved fund balance to make up the difference to balance each year's budget. Without a rate increase, staff will not be able to fund the capital projects for 1994-95 and will have less than $100,000 remaining in the unreserved fund. If the 30% fee increase is approved, staff will be able to fund the operating budget as well as provide funds for capital projects needed at the Harbor. Specific capital improvement projects are facilities maintenance and the first year of a five year dredging program. Mr. Davis asked the Commission to approve a 30% fee increase at the Marina Yacht Harbor.

Chuck Stern, Secretary and Past President of the San Francisco Marina Yacht Harbor Association, spoke in opposition to the fee increase. The Association wanted a 10% across-the-board increase based on cost-of-living figures from 1986 to present. He felt that a 10% increase was justified.

Bob Warren, spoke in opposition to the berth rate increase. He commented that a March 1993 Harvey Rose audit report showed lost berth rental income amounting $128,000 for fiscal year 1990-91 and that vacant berth income needed to be obtained from 1990 to present. He urged the Commission to obtain a detailed audit report for all expenditures since the March 1993 audit and to deny the fee increase until those figures were submitted.

5. MARINA YACHT HARBOR
BERTH RATE INCREASE (Continued)

Emeric Kalman, a boatowner in the Marina, explained that he wrote a letter to Commissioner Rovetti on 1/10/94 regarding the berth rate increase and asked if action had been taken on his letter. He spoke in opposition to the berth rate increase until such time as the management problems were addressed at the Marina. He felt that there was a need for an audited statement of the loss in revenues incurred from empty berths from 7/89 to present; an audited statement detailing loss of revenue and the cost of damage to berths due to lack of dredging in a timely manner; and an audited statement of the expenditures from the capital improvement fund.

Don Bielinski, spoke in favor of the rate increase. He explained that he recently left the Marina Yacht Harbor and had investigated the cost of comparable harbors in the Bay Area. Monthly berth rates are $108-150 more expensive than the San Francisco Marina. He felt that improvements could be made at the Marina with increased revenues and urged the Commission to approve the fees.

President Immendorf said the fee increase was needed to maintain operations and that comparable rates show that the San Francisco Marina is underpriced. He explained at the Committee level the recommendation was to approve a 15% increase effective 4/1/94 and that the Committee would schedule an evening public meeting to discuss revival of the Marina Master Plan. Staff will begin to prepare a monthly maintenance report for the Marina and an additional 15% would go into effect on 7/1/94.

Commissioner Sommer said that the berth holders are frustrated and feel that many projects need to be done at the Marina. She explained that the Committee pledged to have a meeting to discuss the Marina Master Plan and to develop a monthly maintenance report to give a better understanding of what has happened at the Marina and what projects need to be done. She said the fee increase was warranted.

Commissioner Mazzola concurred with the statement of Commissioner Sommer and said that the issue of vacant berths will be resolved with the mass assignment of berths to take place on February 26, 1994.

President Immendorf said the commissioners who serve on the Golf, Yacht Harbor and Camp Mather Committee are dedicated to the Marina and the berth holders' concerns.

On recommendation of the Golf, Yacht Harbor and Camp Mather Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Mazzola, seconded by Commissioner Chan, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16817

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the following berth rate increases at the Marina Yacht Harbor:

Berth Size	Current Monthly Rate Per Foot	Approved Monthly Rate Per Foot 4/1/94	Approved Monthly Rate Per Foot 7/1/94
20' - 25'	$3.70	$4.26	$4.81
30' - 35'	3.75	4.32	4.88
40' - 45'	4.55	5.24	5.92
50' - 60'	4.65	5.35	6.05
65' - 90'	4.75	5.47	6.18

6. **MARINA YACHT HARBOR**
DISABLED ACCESS RAMPS

Approval of conceptual design of disabled access ramps at the Marina Yacht Harbor.

Assistant to the General Manager, Tim Lillyquist, explained that after the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake many repairs were done through the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) program at the Marina Yacht Harbor. In 1990 the Americans with Disability Act (ADA) was approved which requires that any renovation work done must have program accessibility. Therefore, a representative portion of the docks at the Marina Yacht Harbor must be made accessible to the handicapped. The plan is to locate accessible docks at the west harbor and Gas House Cove. It is very difficult to create an accessible dock because the slope can never exceed more than 8% grade. The firm of Moffet and Nichols has developed a design to provide access within these limitations. The project will cost $309,000 funded by FEMA, and will be administered by the Department of Public Works.

In response to President Immendorf's question, Mr. Lillyquist said that the accessible docks will bring access to 60% of the berths at the Marina Yacht Harbor and will accommodate slips up to 50'.

Emeric Kalman, said he contacted the City's Disability Coordinator from the Department of Public Works regarding this matter. He suggested that rather than losing 9 berths in the Harbor to accommodate the accessible docks, that at least 3 alternatives be developed for review. He further stated that he read the legislation and did not find a requirement that the City had to provide disability access for floating docks. He said that approval should be postponed until a financial feasibility study be done. He did not think this project was necessary.

Chuck Stern, Secretary and Past President of the San Francisco Marina Yacht Harbor Association, said that the law mandates that the docks be accessible. He said the Association felt that there should be an oversight committee to review the planning and construction process comprised of representatives from Recreation and Park, the tenants and the two yacht clubs. The oversight committee would then have an understanding of the needs at the Marina.

President Immendorf said the law is very clear as to the City's responsibility on ADA and that there is a threat of a lawsuit if the City fails to meet the requirements of the law.

Commissioner Sommer commented that Mr. Lillyquist had said there was more than one plan reviewed for this project.

On recommendation of the Golf, Yacht Harbor and Camp Mather Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Chan, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16818

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the conceptual design of disabled access ramps at the Marina Yacht Harbor.

7. **KEZAR STADIUM**
APPEAL OF DENIAL

Appeal of the denial of the request from Rennie O'Brien to sell alcohol at Kezar Stadium.

Superintendent of Recreation, Joel Robinson, explained that this item is an appeal by Rennie O'Brien to sell alcohol at Kezar Stadium. The Kezar Operation and Permit Policy, adopted by the Commission in August of 1991, states that the consumption and sale of alcohol at Kezar Stadium is prohibited. The policy was developed with input from the staff, the community, users of the stadium and potential users. There was a fairly unanimous decision that since the stadium is used primarily for youth athletics and high school activities and considering the close proximity of the neighborhood to the stadium, the use or sale of alcohol is not an appropriate activity. Mr. Robinson clarified the point that the Kezar Operation and Permit Policy would have to be amended in order to permit the sale of alcohol.

Barbara Marion, an immediate neighbor of Kezar Stadium said that the neighborhood enjoys the stadium and was opposed to allowing the sale of alcohol at the stadium. She said the present policy was hard fought and approached with consideration of the impact on the entire community. It supports the concept that the sale of alcoholic beverages at sporting events lead to rowdyism and substance abuse. She noted that Candlestick Park has limited the sale of alcohol. She strongly supported denial of the request to sell alcohol. The stadium was intended for youth and neighborhood groups and it was under those guidelines that the community rallied in support of the stadium.

Ken Spielman, a member of the Board of Directors of the Homeowners Association for Parkview Commons, said that he used the stadium often and appreciated the facility. He supported the current Kezar Policy and urged the Commission to vote against this request. He felt that the matter should initially be reviewed by the Kezar Advisory Committee. He commented that a few years ago there was a St. Ignatius v. Sacred Heart high school game which resulted in leftover beer cans around the area and damage to one of the trees in Parkview Commons community. He felt that a change in the policy would result in more damage to property, more litter in the neighborhood, and urged denial of the request.

Kurt Hovan, a semi-pro football player, started an amateur adult football team, created a non-profit firm, brought it to San Francisco and is almost bankrupt. He felt the community was interested in themselves rather than the entire City. He wanted to use the Stadium when it was not being used by youth activities. He pledged to be responsible for any damage and would respect the neighborhood and the youth that want to use the Stadium.

Nancy Cutler, lives on Frederick Street, directly across from Kezar Stadium, was pleased with the way Kezar Stadium was being used. She was alarmed to hear of the proposal to sell alcohol at the stadium and felt it would create problems and open the door to a much more commercialized use of the facility. She said, to date, there have been few problems associated with the Stadium and thought that to allow more commercial events could be a mistake.

7. KEZAR STADIUM
APPEAL OF DENIAL (Continued)

David Yancey, representing the Northern California Rugby Football Union, said they have a contract to stage 6 rugby games on Friday nights in February, March and April of this year. His group has done this in the past, however, the fees to use the stadium have substantially increased making it, perhaps, prohibitive to use it in future years. He felt that they could generate substantial revenue for the City by selling alcohol and sharing a portion of the concession with the City. He supported a change in policy to sell alcohol and would provide the necessary security. He preferred that each event organizer be allowed to handle the concessions. He said that the neighbors would prefer a quiet environment but his organization could help the City's revenue base.

Calvin Welch, speaking for the Inner Sunset Haight Ashbury Poly Coalition, the Haight Ashbury Neighborhood Council, and member of the the Kezar Advisory Committee, spoke in opposition to allowing alcohol at Kezar Stadium. He said that the Kezar Advisory Committee, which is a City-wide Committee, considered this issue when it was raised last year by Rennie O'Brien, and voted unanimously to oppose it. He commented that there is no guarantee that the revenues generated at Kezar Stadium will be spent to maintain Kezar Stadium and that the voters approved the renovation of Kezar pursuant to a General Obligation Bond with commitments from the Commission that the primary use would be for recreational activities and youth-serving athletic events. He urged the Commission to not change the current Kezar Policy.

Cyril Hackett, promoter of Gaelic Games, spoke in favor of the sale of alcohol at Kezar Stadium. He said his league consists of amateur players many of whom who work in the City. It is impossible to run a major sporting event, due to the excessive costs, without the aide of sponsors. Beer companies are the major contributors. He said alcohol is sold at Kezar Pavilion without problems. Currently, the amateur events cost are so high that athletes have to pay an entrance fee. He was concerned that the high permit fees would prevent amateur teams from using Kezar leaving the Stadium vacant and in a state of disrepair. He further explained that alcohol sales are permitted at Balboa Stadium without incident. He pleaded, on behalf of amateur athletics, to remove the prohibition of alcohol sales at Kezar Stadium.

Gus Derdevanis, owns a building across from Kezar Stadium and is very pleased at the type of athletic events held at Kezar. He felt that the sale of alcohol was a negative action that would cause fights, broken shrubbery, graffiti, etc. He said that Kezar Stadium is located in a highly congested area and there is little room for automobile traffic. He sympathized with the semi-pro teams and the costs associated with these teams but opposed the sale of alcohol at Kezar Stadium.

7. KEZAR STADIUM
APPEAL OF DENIAL (Continued)

Renne O'Brien, wanted to make Kezar Stadium more user friendly so small promoters could afford to use the facility. He said that Kezar Stadium is a jewel in the City but questioned if the Department had sufficient funds to maintain the stadium. The sale of alcohol would increase revenues, attendance and 25% of the concessions would go to the City. He said that small promoters need the sponsorship dollars from companies such as Budweiser which gives $58 Million annually or Coors which gives $50 Million. Promoters, like himself receive nothing from beer sponsors because he cannot sell their product. Beer sales are allowed at Candlestick Park, Moscone Center, Bill Graham Civic Auditorium, Balboa Stadium, A La Carte A La Park, and at Kezar Pavilion. Mr. O'Brien explained that he has organized 12 events at Kezar Stadium without incident. He wanted the option to sell or purchase a beer.

Mr. O'Brien contacted the Police Captain at Ingleside Station and asked what type of problems occurred at Balboa Stadium due to the sale of alcohol. The Captain was unaware that beer sales were permitted and could not recount any problems as a result of beer sales. The Park Police Captain was not concerned about the sale of alcohol as long the promoters hire two off duty San Francisco police officers for each 1,000 tickets sold at Kezar to patrol the neighborhood. He asked that a 6 month trial period be considered for the sale of alcohol for day events only. The Chair of the Kezar Advisory Committee has suggested that he use Candlestick Park or Balboa Stadium but Candlestick Park is too costly and Balboa Stadium is completely booked by soccer teams.

Dennis Antenore, Chair of the Kezar Advisory Committee, said the Committee is not solely comprised of nearby community members, but City wide users, who have spent a considerable amount of time debating the issue of alcohol sales and have taken many many hours of testimony on this point. Although the Commission is not required to refer issues such as this to the Kezar Advisory Committee, they are usually referred, or the Committee is asked for an opinion. Mr. O'Brien proposed the sale of alcohol in 1992 to the Committee and received virtually no support, other than from promoters. He felt that without formally noticing a change to the Kezar Operation and Permit Policy neither the Commission nor the staff has the authority to allow the sale of alcohol.

The main issue, from the promoter's standpoint, is one of sponsorship. At previous times, promoters managed to get beer companies to sponsor events at Kezar Stadium. He felt it was poor public policy to have the City and County of San Francisco involved in the promotion of the consumption of a drug that is a serious concern to the community. He suggested that tobacco companies may want to sponsor events to promote the use of cigarettes. He further stated that the staff has informed the Committee on more than one occasion of the maintenance problems at Kezar Stadium due to its excessive use. He felt that this action could promote more use that would exacerbate the maintenance problem.

Larry Burgheimer, lives directly across the street from Kezar Stadium, supported the existing policy and said the stadium is operating beautifully. He said that alcohol is a drug and Kezar Stadium should be a drug free zone.

7. KEZAR STADIUM
APPEAL OF DENIAL (Continued)

T. J. McHose, spoke in favor of the sale of alcohol at Kezar Stadium. He asked the Commission to consider whether or not the Kezar Advisory Committee was useful and questioned the costs associated with administering the Committee. He thought that those funds should be directed to other activities. He suggested that the revenues generated at the Stadium should go directly to the Stadium.

Dean Brown, a resident of the area, said that Kezar Stadium is working wonderfully. He uses the Stadium with his family on a regular basis. He attended a rugby game last year and did not want to see the sale of alcohol because he would not want to bring his family into such an environment. He said there are enough problems on Stanyan Street with people living on the street and that inevitably, people will abuse alcohol. He did not think that the problems associated with the sale of alcohol could be separated from the neighborhood. He was sympathetic to those trying to run leagues but if Kezar was too costly then those events should be held at another venue. He urged the Commission to consider the effect of alcohol use at Kezar on the neighborhood and to deny the request.

Dorrie Huntington, a member of the Board of Directors on Parkview Commons, and a member of the Kezar Advisory Committee, explained that she was involved in the development of this policy from its inception. She said the policy was developed in an open discussion with free exchange of opinions from all the users. She felt it was valuable to have an advisory committee whose primary goal is to consider the best use of Kezar Stadium. She said the Committee decided that the use of alcohol would have a negative impact on the community and felt it was unkind to have the Commission consider reversing the prohibition without regard to Kezar Advisory Committee's decision. She commented that Kezar Stadium looks attractive, is clean and well maintained while Kezar Pavilion is dirty with much graffiti. She hoped the Commission would support the Kezar Advisory Committee's decision and deny the use of alcohol at Kezar Stadium.

Estela Becerra, a member of the Kezar Advisory Committee, lives directly across from Kezar Stadium and said that the Committee spent a great deal of time and energy in developing an attractive stadium for the City. The main purpose of the stadium is for athletic events primarily for youth and the use of the community. The stadium is in a residential area and the sale and use of alcohol will only bring crime, litter, vandalism and excessive noise to the neighborhood. She recounted the fact that she has lived at this residence for over 50 years and witnessed accidents, vandalism, glass litter and the paddywagon from the 49er games. She felt that considering the sale and use of alcohol is outrageous and inconsistent with the Kezar Operations and Permit Policy.

7. KEZAR STADIUM
APPEAL OF DENIAL (Continued)

Michael Moriarty, chairman of the Gaelic Athletic Association of San Francisco, said that the amateur sport of gaelic football has existed in the City since 1892. They have used many Recreation and Park facilities through the years and last year, with the help of sponsors, used Kezar Stadium. However, they were forced to charge the players a fee in order to pay the rental cost of Kezar Stadium. He said that Kezar Stadium is unused on Sundays creating a loss of revenue to the City. The high fees could cause the elimination of amateur sports. His association favored the sale of alcohol at Kezar Stadium to raise revenues for amateur sports and the City.

Officer Mike Gannon, representing Captain Berry of the Park Police Station, said the station did not oppose or endorse the application to sell alcoholic beverages at Kezar Stadium. However, Captain Berry did not want the services provided to the Park Police District to be depleted due to events held at Kezar Stadium. Some of the events held at Kezar may impact the spectators and citizens around the arena. He said that Rennie O'Brien was willing to provide a minimum of 4 uniformed security personnel for the first 1000 people for any of his events. The Park Police Station will abide by the decision of the Recreation and Park Commission.

In response to Commissioner Farrow's question, Mr. Robinson said that the actual capacity of Kezar Stadium is 10,000 but staff has only allowed 5000 to date.

Shannon Tobin, has been associated with rugby events at Kezar for the last 3 years and commented about the steady deterioration of the Stadium during that time. She understood that the City did not have sufficient funds to maintain the Stadium and expressed concern that the Stadium would continue to deteriorate without additional revenue. She felt that the sale of alcohol should be considered on a case-by-case basis. She suggested that the Commission allow the sale of alcohol for one event, an event she is working on, scheduled for 2/11/94 (Old Blues v Golden Gate) and have it be a test case for the sale of alcohol at Kezar Stadium.

Jeff Morrison, said Kezar Stadium is a beautiful facility that should be used as much as possible by the community and the people of San Francisco. He was unsure if Recreation and Park had enough money to maintain it and felt that the sale of alcohol should be tested or tried to see the outcome of this action.

President Immendorf clarified the point that he asked that the matter be put on the calendar because he supported the concept of a public hearing on the issue of the sale of alcohol. He was sensitive to the neighbors' concerns and felt that everyone had presented their arguments.

Commissioner Chan said that City parks belong to all San Franciscans and that the current policy was formulated through a long process that took many months of public debate. He felt that policy could be modified if conditions change and it was tempting to consider the use of alcohol as a means to generate revenue for the Department. Conversely, he was reluctant to change a policy that took 2 years to develop. He recommended that this issue be referred to the Kezar Advisory Committee for further consideration.

7. **KEZAR STADIUM**
APPEAL OF DENIAL (Continued)

Commissioner Sommer said that she supported the concept that sponsors help fund programs and events but felt it was a narrow point of view to think that alcohol and tobacco companies are the only sponsors available. She said that other companies such as cosmetic firms, athletic equipment manufacturers, etc., should be solicited as possible sponsors. She understood the need to generate revenue but did not support the sale of alcohol at Kezar Stadium.

Commissioner Mazzola said he felt it was inconsistent that the Recreation and Park Commission would allow the sale of alcohol on virtually all of its facilities it oversees except Kezar Stadium and did not fully understand the exemption. He said if alcohol was sold at Kezar Stadium it would have to be done under strict rules such as those that are imposed at Candlestick Park. He recounted that at his frist meeting there was heated discussion about the use of alcohol at Marina Green in conjunction with the Fleet Week celebration. This Commission approved the use of alcohol at that event. He was willing to approve the sale of alcohol.

Commissioner Farrow said this had been an eye opening discussion as she did not realize that the sale of alcohol was permitted at Kezar Pavilion nor Balboa Stadium. She was willing to sell alcohol on a trial basis for a six month period and to carefully monitor the program.

President Immendorf said he did not support the use of alcohol when youth activities were occurring at Kezar Stadium and did not support roudyism, unlawful conduct, or graffiti. He supported the rights of neighbors to live in a peaceful area but was not convinced that selling wine and beer under very controlled conditions, on a trial basis, was improper. He suggested that the promoters meet with staff and the Kezar Advisory Committee and see if some sort of accommodation could be reached that is acceptable to both sides.

Commissioner Chan said that he did not want to overturn a policy in one day that took months to formulate. He preferred to see a dialogue on this issue before amending the policy and hoped that some sort of accommodation could be worked out with both sides whereby the sale of alcohol could be tested for six months.

President Immendorf asked if Calvin Welch and the Kezar Advisory Committee would be willing to sit down and discuss this issue with the promoters to see if accommodation could be made to sell alcohol with regulations for a trial period and then have the Commission consider it in 30 days. Mr. Welch said the Kezar Advisory Committee would be happy to take direction from the Commission.

Dennis Antenore said that the Kezar Advisory Committee would next meet on 2/2/94 and need more time for fact gathering, cost figures for alcohol sales at other Recreation and Park facilities, etc. He further explained that amendment to the Kezar Operation and Permit Policy must be legally noticed. President Immendorf said he would be willing to have a special Commission meeting if necessary.

On motion of Commissioner Mazzola, seconded by Commissioner Chan, the Commission tabled this matter for thirty (30) days.

3:50 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. the Commission recessed.

8. UNION SQUARE

Consideration of finding of no significant shading of plaza by proposed sign at Union Square.

Park Planner, Deborah Learner, explained that this issue pertains to the Shadow Ordinance, a provision of the City Planning Code, which protects parks from shading by development. The Shadow Ordinance provides that parks should be protected from shade for 1 hour after sunrise and 1 hour before sunset for buildings over 40' high. The City Planning Commission makes a determination as to whether a development would have a negative impact in shading park property. The General Manager of the Recreation and Park Department presents a finding to City Planning Commission, after consultation with the Recreation and Park Commission, as to whether or not there is a significant shadow impact on any development adjacent to park property. The Shadow Ordinance provides a shadow allowance for downtown parks. Some parks are already considerably shaded and it has been determined that no additional shadow is permitted by future development. In the case of Union Square it was determined that .1% additional shadow could be permitted within the confines of the Shadow Ordinance.

In this particular case, a large billboard is being proposed on the southeast corner of 212 Stockton Street. This billboard will use .098% of the .1% allowed leaving .002% for future development. The sign falls within the allowance but staff recommended that the City Planning Commission consider reducing the size of the sign so that other development could be permitted in the future. Ms. Learner displayed a diagram of the shadow on Union Square and said that this signage will use a great deal of the allowable shadow allotment.

In response to Commissioner Mazzola's question, Ms. Learner explained that perhaps the Commission would want to bank some of the shadow allotment for future development in the downtown area. The Commission is making a value judgment on the type of development.

Rana Ahmadi, representing the City Planning Department, said that it is difficult to project the shadow for buildings and projects. The closer the development is to Union Square the more shadow it will cast. However, if the development is far away then the amount of shadow would be less.

President Immendorf asked if the sign could be removed at a later date.

George Broder, representing Patrick Media Group, the promoter of the sign, said that in the future there could be a scenario where a developer could negotiate with his firm for removal of the sign in order to facilitate a development.

Commissioner Sommer said at the Committee meeting both she and Commissioner Farrow felt the sign was quite large and there is only so much shadow space for future development.

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Chan, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

8. UNION SQUARE (Continued)

RES. NO. 16819
(Continued)

RESOLVED, That this Commission finds that there is no significant shading of plaza by proposed sign at Union Square.

ACTION: Approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Farrow, Immendorf, Mazzola
Noes: Commissioner Sommer
Absent: Commissioners Rovetti, Ruiz

9. SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS
MANAGEMENT FEE

Approval of General Fund appropriation request for the San Francisco Zoological Society annual management fee of $4 Million for fiscal year 1994-95.

This item was removed from the Calendar.

10. SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS
FELINE CENTER/OTTER EXHIBIT

Approval of expenditure to construct the Feline Center and Otter Exhibit, funded by contributions to the San Francisco Zoological Society and Zoo 2000 Fund.

Zoo Director, David Anderson, explained that he was requesting approval to expend funds for construction of the Feline Center and Otter Exhibit as required by the lease agreement. The Commission has already granted conceptual approval for both these exhibits.

In response to Commissioner Mazzola's question, Mr. Anderson explained that the Zoological Society administers the construction projects and the City's Department of Public Works is not involved in the construction program.

General Manager, Mary E. Burns, explained that the Zoo lease agreement stipulates for projects where funds were privately raised, the Zoological Society has final authority on awarding the contract.

On motion of Commissioner Farrow, seconded by Commissioner Sommer, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16820

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the expenditure to construct the Feline Center and Otter Exhibit, funded by contributions to the San Francisco Zoological Society and Zoo 2000 Fund.

11. **HOWARD-LANGTON MINI PARK**
USE CHANGE

Approval for use change at Howard-Langton Mini Park.

Assistant Superintendent for Neighborhood Parks and Squares, Mike Morlin, explained that this item was presented at Parks and Planning Committee and is a request to alter the use of the Howard Langton Mini Park. The park is located at Howard between 7th and 8th Streets and has a mural on one wall and unused play equipment. The park is habituated by homeless individuals and substance abusers. The community has demanded that Recreation and Park consider changing its use.

Maria Ruiz, a business owner and resident of Langton Street, said the park is filled with homeless people and drug users. She walks her dog 4 times a day around the park and has witnessed many unsavory activities. The gardening staff cleans the park at 7:00 a.m. and finds broken glass in sandbox, human excrement, trash and used needles. By 9:00 a.m. the park looks like it was never cleaned. She said it would be very dangerous to have children use the park and said it is no longer a park for kids.

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Chan, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16821

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the change of use from a children's play area to a passive use park for Howard-Langton Mini Park.

12. **NAMING AND/OR CHANGING**
DESIGNATION OF FACILITIES POLICY

Consideration to amend the Policy on Naming and/or Changing the Designation of Facilities.

Park Planner, Deborah Learner, explained that the Parks and Planning Committee had a spirited discussion about a provision of the Naming and/or Changing the Designation of Facilities Policy. The discussion related specifically to the section requiring a 5-year waiting period after death before a request to rename a facility will be considered. This matter is a policy issue for the Commission.

President Immendorf felt that the waiting period should be reduced from 5 years to 2 years. He said the emotion from these issues will have subsided after 2 years.

Commissioner Chan said that a waiting period was suggested after the Comission ruled on the renaming of Folsom Playground to Jose Coronado Playground.

On motion of Commissioner Mazzola, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16822

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves an amendment to the Policy on Naming and/or Changing the Designation of Facilities so that the person to be honored by a name change shall have been deceased for a minimum of two years.

13. **SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY FAIR FLOWER SHOW**
APPROVAL OF 1994 BUDGET

Approval of the 1994 budget in the amount of $46,650.00, for the San Francisco County Fair Flower Show to be held on August 26-28, 1994 at the County Fair Building.

Assistant General Manager for Administration, Phil Arnold, explained that the 1994 County Fair will be held at the San Francisco County Fair Building and its budget requires Commission approval. The anticipated revenue from the Fair is $58,500 with projected expenditures of $46,650. $40,000 will be allocated from the State of California and $18,500 from fair revenues. Flower Show, Inc., will operate the Fair under a 3 year agreement with the Commission. He recommended approval of the 1994 County Fair budget.

On motion of Commissioner Farrow, seconded by Commissioner Chan, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16823

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the 1994 budget in the amount of $46,650.00, for the San Francisco County Fair Flower Show to be held on August 26-28, 1994 at the County Fair Building.

14. **CLEAN WATER PROGRAM**
LINCOLN PARK/GREAT HIGHWAY
AWARD OF CONTRACT

Ratification of award of contract to Shank-Balfour/Beatty in the amount of $29,926,684 for the installation of the Richmond Transport Sewer line.

Assistant General Manager for Administration, Phil Arnold, explained that this item is ratification of a contract awarded by the Department of Public Works. The project is for the Clean Water Program but since the work will be done under park property it should have been approved by the Commission. The Department has experience with this contractor and has been pleased with past work. This project will tunnel under Lincoln Park, under Sutro Heights and the recently acquired Parcel 4 to connect with the Westside Transport under the Great Highway.

On recommendation of the Finance and Yacht Harbor Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Chan, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16824

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies the award of contract to Shank-Balfour/Beatty in the amount of $29,926,684 for the installation of the Richmond Transport Sewer line.

APPROVED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:
Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Farrow, Immendorf, Sommer
Noes: Commissioner Mazzola
Absent: Commissioners Rovetti, Ruiz

15. **CANDLESTICK PARK**
FIELD LEVEL SEATING
TICKET PRICES -1994 BASEBALL SEASON

Approval of ticket prices for field level seating for the 1994 Baseball Season.

Assistant General Manager for Administration, Phil Arnold, explained that the City plans, at the request of the Giants, to add field level seating at Candlestick Park for the baseball season. There will be approximately 300 field level seats. The Finance and Candlestick Committee forwarded this item to the Commission without recommendation because the Giants had not finalized the ticket price. The Giants plan to offer these tickets at $40. The comparable ticket prices range from $100 and down. Mr. Arnold recommend approval of the $40 rate.

Jack Bair, Director of Legal and Government Affairs for the San Francisco Giants, said the Giants did not have a recommendation at the Committee level because they had just learned that the field level seats were approved on 1/7/94. Last week, the Giants finalized the $40 price which they think is reasonable. There has been a great deal of interest in the field level seats. The Giants wanted to receive Commission approval as soon as possible because season ticket holders will be notified and given an opportunity to purchase the field level tickets. If there are more requests than seats, then priority will be given based on the number of years someone has been a season ticket holder and the location of their seats. Therefore, it is possible that the ticket holders may be upgraded in seating categories which is a time consuming process.

President Immendorf wanted the Giants to consider making a number of seats affordable to the disabled community on a per game basis. Mr. Bair said the Giants are struggling with that issue and have some operational concerns about selling discounted tickets. They have not figured out how they will administer this concept.

In response to Commissioner Mazzola's question, Mr. Bair said the field level seat tickets are less than the price of luxury suite ticket. Mr. Bair said that the Houston Astros charge $100 for field level seats and the Florida Marlins are sold out of their field level seats which were marketed last year at $30.

In response to Commissioner Sommer's question, Mr. Bair said that MVP service will be offered to the field level seats area and there will be a ramp and accessible restroom.

Commissioner Sommer said she understood that there were extenuating circumstances with the timing of this item but asked that future items be submitted in a timely fashion so they can be carefully reviewed.

On motion of Commissioner Sommer, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16825

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves a ticket price of $40.00 for field level seating for the 1994 Baseball Season.

16. **CANDLESTICK PARK**
AWARD OF CONTRACT

Consideration of Award of Contract for Candlestick Park renovations.

Note for the Record: This item was considered at the Special Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission held on January 11, 1994.

16a. **RECREATION DIVISION**
PROJECT INSIGHT
SKI TRIP

Approval of the request to take Project Insight teens on cross country ski trip to Bear Valley, California on January 28-30, 1994.

Assistant Superintendent of Recreation, Nan Neal, explained that she was requesting permission for the Department's Project Insight Program to take deaf students to Bear Valley for a cross country ski trip. This will be the third annual ski trip. Four recreation directors will supervise the teens and an environmental companion will assist each teen. Ms. Neal displayed photographs from previous trips.

President Immendorf offered to pay the cost of the ski trip for any teen who could not afford to pay the fee.

In response to Commissioner Chan's question, Ms. Neal said that the City is self-insured and the environmental travel companions have their own liability insurance. Recreation and Park Department vans will be used for the outing.

On motion of Commissioner Sommer, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16826

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the request to take Project Insight teens on a cross country ski trip to Bear Valley, California on January 28-30, 1994.

17. **RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION**
ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Election of President and Vice President for calendar year 1994, in accordance with Resolution No. 11334.

Commissioner Chan nominated Jack Immendorf for President which was seconded by Commissioner Sommer. Commissioner Farrow nominated Larry Mazzola, Vice President and Commissioner Chan seconded this motion.

Commissioner Sommer nominated herself for Vice President and explained that she has been on the Commission for three years and felt she had the experience to be an officer. Commissioner Mazzola seconded her motion.

Jack Immendorf was elected President by a unanimous vote. Larry Mazzola was elected Vice President for calendar year 1994 by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Farrow, Immendorf, Mazzola
Noes: Commissioner Sommer
Absent: Commissioners Rovetti, Ruiz

18. PUBLIC COMMENT

Corky Engel and Bashul Parik discussed the removal of the stone behind the Japanese Tea Garden and how this action offended many people. Mr. Engel said that for the past five years a large stone in Golden Gate Park has brought large number of people to it for worship. He said the stone was removed without notice on Friday 1/14/94 and that many people find this action hurtful. For the Hindu community this stone is resembled a very sacred ancient object that has been worshipped throughout their culture. He questioned whey the stone was removed suddenly when it was there without incident for 5 years. He asked why the stone was removed when other religious symbols in the park remain untouched.

President Immendorf said the Commission was unaware of the significance of the rock until recent media attention was given to it and viewed the stone as something that might create a problem. The Commission was told that there was the use of open flame around the rock and this was of concern. President Immendorf explained that he was informed that a certain individual represented himself to be the primary keeper of the stone. This person, Mr. Das, had a more appropriate place for the stone and since it was sacred to the Hindu community it was offered to him. The Commission thought they were being respectful and did not want to offend anybody in the Hindu community.

Bashul Parik, explained that he was disturbed by the way the Commission handled this issue and felt a statement to the Indian newspapers explaining its action might alleviate the pain of its removal.

President Immendorf said that the Commission would be happy to issue a statement.

Barbara Hobie explained she has been discussing the Golden Gate Park Skate Patrol and the problems it has caused her business since August 1991. She displayed an advertisement in the yellow pages which proved that the Golden Gate Skate Patrol is a business. She said the Skate Patrol has been using an amplified sound system without a permit at 6th Avenue. She said that Mr. David Miles of the Golden Gate Park Skate Patrol held a meeting with 100-125 skaters and asked them to join his club for $35 so he could fight the Commission in reinstituting the slalom skating course in the park. She urged the Commission to stop Mr. Miles from operating a business in the park and said it was unfair that he could used amplified sound. She pleaded with the Commission to curtail Mr. Miles' unfair business tactics.

General Manager, Mary E. Burns, explained that she met with Mrs. Hobie and representatives from the Richmond Police Station. The Department informed the Police Department that Mr. Miles did not have a permit to use amplified sound. The Police Department was asked to enforce the amplified sound restriction unless a permit was issued by the Department.

Betty Silverman, discussed Bercut Field and the need to keep this area open to the public. She said that in recent weeks visitors from Manteca, Pleasanton, and Santa Rosa have used Bercut Field. She wanted the Commission to be aware that the public uses this field and that it should not be part of the Golden Gate Park Stables lease. She felt the public would not be able to use Bercut Field if it was part of the concession. She thanked the Commission for listening to her concerns.

18. PUBLIC COMMENT (Continued)

Mr. Arnold said he has asked staff to look for an alternate location for other rings which would be closed to the Golden Gate Park Stables. He hoped that another site could be found. However, if Bercut Field remains in the lease it would be shared with the public.

Jack Bair, Director of Legal and Government Affairs for the San Francisco Giants, distributed a flyer that outlined the economic contribution the Giants have made to the City of San Francisco. The brochure highlights the community programs the Giants are involved in.

19. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The President did not submit a report.

20. COMMISSION COMMITTEE REPORTS

The following Commission Committee reports were submitted for the record:

Joint Zoo Committee Meeting of December 1, 1993
Parks and Planning Committee Meeting of January 4, 1994
Golf, Yacht Harbor and Camp Mather Committee Meeting of January 10, 1994
Finance and Candlestick Committee Meeting of January 11, 1994

21. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Commissioner Chan, the meeting was adjourned in memory of Father Alfred Boeddeker, a humanitarian who founded and spearheaded the St. Anthony's Dining Room in the Tenderloin, who passed away recently.

On motion of Commissioner Sommer, the meeting was adjourned in memory of George Hagiwara, who worked and lived many years in the Japanese Tea Garden, who passed away recently.

On motion of Commissioner Mazzola, the meeting was adjourned in memory of Samuel R. Friedman, a founding member of Stadium, Inc., who passed away recently.

On motion of Commissioner Farrow, the meeting was adjourned in memory of Glenn Beauchamp, former Business Manager for the Recreation and Park Department, who passed away recently.

There being no further business, the 689th Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shauna Marie Rose
Commission Secretary

Note: These minutes set forth all actions taken by the Recreation and Park Commission on matters stated, but not necessarily the chronological order in which the matters were taken up.

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RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION

MINUTES

690TH REGULAR MEETING

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1994 - 2:00 P.M.

The Six Hundred and Ninetieth Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Thursday, February 17, 1994, at 2:00 p.m. by President Jack Immendorf.

1. ROLL CALL

Present:
Commissioner Jack Immendorf, President
Commissioner Larry Mazzola, Vice President
Commissioner Sidney Chan
Commissioner Bella Farrow
Commissioner Santiago Ruiz
Commissioner Sue Sommer
Absent:
Commissioner Vince Rovetti

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Commissioner Sommer, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 20, 1994 and the minutes of the Special Meeting of January 11, 1994, were approved as presented.

3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

General Manager, Mary E. Burns, submitted the following report:

"PROMOTIONAL APPOINTMENTS

I would like to take this opportunity to announce that Gloria Koch-Gonzalez and Sean Sweeney were promoted to Area Supervisor in the Neighborhood Parks Program effective Monday February 14. These Area Supervisor positions had been vacant for nearly two years, and the Neighborhood Parks Program, which had been divided into four districts, has now been reorganized into three large areas due to the deletion of one Area Supervisor position.

Gloria most recently held the position of Gardener Supervisor of the Marina Complex, and prior to that she supervised the Mission Dolores Complex. She began her supervisory career at Crocker Amazon Complex in 1986. Gloria has worked for the Department for 10 years.

Sean held the position of Gardener Supervisor for the past 8-1/2 years at Sharp Park Golf Course, and prior to that he was in the Tree Assessment Program. Sean has been employed by the Recreation and Park Department since 1978.

Please join me in congratulating Gloria and Sean on their promotions.

CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE BUDGET

We have received a billing from the City Attorney for the months October through December which totals approximately $200,000 for this three-month period. Our total budget for City Attorney services for the year is less than $400,000. We have submitted a supplemental appropriation request to the Mayor for additional funding for the City Attorney based on the fact that Commission actions rejecting claims against the City have produced substantial savings to the City (even though our litigation costs have increased). However, the supplemental appropriation request has not been approved at this time. Consequently, I have directed all Recreation and Park Department staff to cease any contact with the City Attorney's office unless that contact has received prior approval from me or from the Assistant General Manager. It is also possible that staff may begin recommending approval of claim settlements in order to reduce the costs of litigation which are being billed to this department.

SOUTH OF MARKET RECREATION CENTER

The Recreation Division has just completed details of an innovative collaboration between the South of Market Teen Center and our facility, the South of Market Recreation Center. This collaboration will provide late night activities at our recreation center on Friday nights from 9:00 p.m. to 12:00 midnight. The South of Market Teen Center will provide staff, equipment and additional resources through a grant from the Mayor's Office of Children, Youth and Their Families. This arrangement will allow us to provide programming during these critical hours with minimal cost to the Department. As you are aware, we are currently operating other late night programs which have proven to be very successful. We look forward to the implementation of this very much needed program on March 12, 1994.

3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)

JAPANESE TEA GARDEN CENTENNIAL

The Japanese Tea Garden is celebrating its 100th Anniversary on Sunday, March 20, 1994. The San Francisco Recreation and Park Department and the Japanese Tea Garden Centennial Committee, which originated in the Japanese-American community, will co-sponsor the celebration with Mayor Frank Jordan and Mayor Masaya Nishio of Osaka, Japan, serving as the honorary co-chairs. Special events and activities are planned, including guest speakers, cultural entertainment, a cherry tree planting and the rededication of the Japanese Tea Garden with a ribbon cutting ceremony at the Main Gate.

RANDALL MUSEUM

The curtains are in. The sound system and lights are in, too. The Randall Theatre looks great! The staff is currently preparing a "punch list" of small items the contractor still needs to complete or fix. The Randall Museum will take beneficial occupancy of the new theatre in time for the Science Fair Awards Ceremony on February 26.

San Francisco students in grades 6 through 8 are busy preparing for the 12th Annual San Francisco Science Fair. The Randall Museum is coordinating and hosting this major, City-wide event which invites science teachers from the San Francisco Unified School District, the San Francisco Archdiocese and many private schools to submit their students' projects. The San Francisco Science Fair brings together 23 schools, 65 science teachers, thousands of students and the donated time of prestigious Bay Area science professionals who carefully judge the student projects.

At a time when so much attention is focused on the sad decline of many educational institutions, the Science Fair is a welcome burst of good news, with its City-wide teamwork and its positive effect on science education.

The public is invited to view the science projects Friday, February 25, from 10:00 a.m. through 5:00 p.m. at the Randall Museum, 199 Museum Way, San Francisco.

MISSION DISTRICT OPEN SPACE TASK FORCE

In November of 1993, an ad hoc Mission District Open Space Task Force was created to review various open space projects and options for the Mission District. This task force was co-chaired by Sam Ruiz and Toby Levine (Planning Commissioner). The task force met through January and completed its final report on January 24. This report, which is at your place, endorses the completion of all currently funded open space projects in the Mission and provides general guidelines for the implementation of additional open space projects through inter-agency cooperation.

3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)

ADOPT A MONUMENT

The San Francisco Art Commission is sponsoring an "Adopt a Monument" campaign in conjunction with the Midwinter Fair Centennial to restore the various pieces of sculpture in Golden Gate Park. The goal is to restore each individual piece and to establish a maintenance endowment for each that would provide for ongoing maintenance needs in the future. We are seeking to identify an individual or group that would develop a fundraising campaign for each artwork. A brochure on this program is at your place. Your assistance in fundraising for this project would be appreciated.

CIVIC CENTER PLAYGROUND OPENING

The formal opening of the new children's playground at Civic Center Plaza is scheduled for Wednesday, March 9, at 11:00 a.m. The Mayor will attend the ceremony and several child centers in the Tenderloin will be there to test the new equipment once the ceremonial ribbon is cut.

GOLDEN GATE PARK TENNIS COURT CONCESSION

We have received notification that Tennis Mastery has withdrawn from the negotiations for the lease to operate the tennis courts in Golden Gate Park. Award of this lease to Tennis Mastery was approved by the Commission with the anticipation that the lease would take effect in April. The property management staff has now been informed that the Golden Gate Park Tennis Club may be interested in submitting a proposal. I will keep you informed on future developments.

PACIFICA SEWER PROJECT

Contrary to a report I previously made to this Commission, the City of Pacifica is still considering the Sharp Park canyon as a potential site for their sewer upgrade. This is in spite of the fact that Pacifica's team of outside experts rated the Recreation and Park Department site as inappropriate. I might add that we had to learn this from a member of the public, because the City of Pacifica again failed to send us their official documents. I will keep you informed as this matter progresses.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TASK FORCE

Mayor Jordan has established a city-wide task force on economic development opportunities under the leadership of the San Francisco Redevelopment Agency. After meeting several times as a whole, various subcommittees have been established to pursue further analysis. One of the subcommittees involves the Recreation and Park Department. Representatives on the committee in addition to Commission President Immendorf, Phil Arnold and myself include City Planning, Redevelopment Agency, Mayor's Office and Convention and Visitor Bureau. Various topics we will discuss are golf, parking in Civic Center, Union Square, limited sites in Golden Gate Park and long-term plans for the Candlestick Park area and McLaren Park.

3. **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT** (Continued)

SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS

The following claims, under $5,000, were settled by the City Attorney's Office during the month of January 1994:

Tse, Jasmine	$ 493.00	McGlynn John P.	$560.00
Tuccori, Lorenzo	98.62	Richards, Carol	275.00
Slojewski, Sylvester	477.44		

DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday, February 21, 1994	Presidents' Day Holiday
Wednesday, February 23, 1994	Recreation Program Committee; 4:00 p.m.; Rosa Parks Senior Center
Friday, February 25, 1994	Twelfth Annual San Francisco Science Fair; 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Randall Museum, 199 Museum Way
Tuesday, March 1, 1994	Parks and Planning Committee; 3:00 p.m. tour, 4:00 p.m.; McLaren Lodge
Wednesday, March 2, 1994	Joint Zoo Committee Meeting; 4:30 p.m. tour, 5:00 p.m. meeting; Education Classroom, SF Zoo
Thursday, March 3, 1994	Finance and Candlestick Committee; 4:00 p.m.; McLaren Lodge
Thursday, March 17, 1994	St. Patrick's Day Lunch; 12:00 p.m.; Stern Grove
Sunday, March 20, 1994	Japanese Tea Garden 100th Anniversary Celebration; 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.; Japanese Tea Garden"

4. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

All matters listed hereunder constitute a Consent Calendar, are considered to be routine by the Recreation and Park Commission and will be acted upon by a single roll call vote of the Commission. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member so requests, in which event the matter shall be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered as a separate item.

On motion of Commissioner Sommer, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following Consent Calendar items were approved by the Commission:

a. **PERSONNEL MATTERS** **RES. NO. 16827**

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies the actions taken by the General Manager regarding personnel matters during the period January 4, 1994 through February 2, 1994.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR (Continued)

b. ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS RES. NO. 16828

RESOLVED, That this Commission accepts the following gifts valued at $12,930,00, for the Recreation and Park Department:

1. From Bank of America, through Friends of Recreation and Parks, two portable basketball backboards, valued at $400.00, for the Recreation and Park Department's Day Camp Division.

2. From Lone Family Charitable Trust, through Friends of Recreation and Parks, $2.500.00, for the Tenderloin Recreation Center.

3. From Nestle Beverage Company, through Friends of Recreation and Parks, $3,940.00, for the Midnight Basketball Program at Herz Playground.

4. From Pacific Gas and Electric, through Friends of Recreation and Parks, $5,000.00 for the Midnight Basketball Program.

5. From Gust Enterprises, through Friends of Recreation and Parks, $1,090.00, for the Junior Tennis Fund.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That letters of thanks shall be sent to the donors.

c. GOLDEN GATE PARK RES. NO. 16829
PIONEER LOG CABIN
FUHRMAN BEQUEST

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves a $20,000 expenditure from the Fuhrman Bequest to complete rehabilitation of the Pioneer Log Cabin in Golden Gate Park.

d. SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS RES. NO. 16830
ANIMAL TRANSACTION

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies the following animal transaction (processed under Resolution No. 13572) for the San Francisco Zoological Gardens:

Donation To: Mike & Debbie Chewning
2462 Norris Canyon Road
San Ramon, CA 94583
Six (6) Male, Six (6) Female Peafowl

Donation To: Dr. Erricheti
295 Lenox Avenue, #401
Oakland, CA 94610
One (1) Female Peafowl

Donation To: Sloan Ranches
7945 Aliso Canyon Road
Santa Paula, CA 93060
Four (4) Male, Ten (1) Female Peafowl

4. CONSENT CALENDAR (Continued)

d. **SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS** RES. NO. 16830
ANIMAL TRANSACTION (Continued) (Continued)

Donation To: Bert Schneider
2467 Stonypoint Road
Petaluma, CA
One (1) Male Cochin Chicken

Donation From: Sebastiani Winery
389 4th Street
Sonoma, CA 95476
One (1) Male, One (1) Female Hooded Mergansers

Purchase From: Keith Kunde
Wildwood Waterfowl
P. O. Box 638
Kenwood, CA 95452
One (1) Male, One (1) Female Hooded Mergansers

e. **JUSTIN HERMAN PLAZA** RES. NO. 16831
MULTIPLE DAY EVENT

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the display of "Five O'Clock Shadow", a temporary sidewalk charcoal drawing of shadow figures, at Justin Herman Plaza beginning Wednesday, September 21, 1994 until Friday, October 21, 1994.

f. **GOLDEN GATE PARK** RES. NO. 16832
BICYCLE PEDICAB CONCESSION

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves a one year revocable concession permit for a bicycle pedicab tour ride of Golden Gate Park, effective March 1, 1994.

g. **SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY FAIR BUILDING** RES. NO. 16833
SAN FRANCISCO FLOWER SHOW INC.
AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves an amendment to the agreement with San Francisco Flower Show, Inc. to conduct the San Francisco County Fair and Flower Show for the years 1994, 1995 and 1996.

Note for the Record Items 4h and 4i were removed from the Consent Calendar and considered individually.

h. **LAKE MERCED PERIMETER PATH CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT**

Approval of the award of contract to G. Bortolloto and C. Richard Ramirez - Joint Venture in the amount of $656,415 for the construction of the Lake Merced Perimeter Path.

Park Planner, Deborah Learner, explained that staff recommended award of this contract to a union firm, although the Department has not had any first-hand experience with this contractor.

Vice President Mazzola said he wanted contractors to pay the prevailing wage but wondered why Ghilotti, the low bid, was not awarded the contract.

Ms. Learner explained that there is a 10% preference given by the Human Rights Commission to contractors who are local and certified in the City and County of San Francisco as a minority/women business enterprise. Therefore, even though Ghilotti was the low bid it was awarded to Bortolloto because of this preference.

Commissioner Mazzola said that because of the 10% preference the City will pay $50,000 more for this contract. He did not understand the logic of this action and would continue to vote against these award of contracts until he fully understood the issue.

In response to Commissioner Ruiz's question, Ms. Learner explained that unlike Bortolloto, Ghilotti is not a local firm.

On recommendation of the Finance and Candlestick Committee meeting, and on motion of Ruiz, seconded by Commissioner Chan, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16834

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the award of contract to G. Bortolloto and C./ Richard Ramirez - Joint Venture in the amount of $656,415 for the construction of the Lake Merced Perimeter Path.

APPROVED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:
Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Farrow, Immendorf, Ruiz, Sommer
Noes: Commissioner Mazzola
Absent: Commissioner Rovetti

i. **WEST PORTAL PLAYGROUND CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT**

Approval of the award of contract to A & R Construction in the amount of $206,835 for the renovation of the existing children's play area at West Portal Playground.

Park Planner, Joanne Wilson, explained that the official low bid for this contract was A & R Construction although two bid protests were filed on this contract. Cuevas-Mannion has submitted a letter asking the Commission to defer taking action on this item until the protest is resolved.

i. **WEST PORTAL PLAYGROUND**
CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT (Continued)

Commissioner Mazzola said that he would like the staff memorandum to reflect all of the bids that were submitted.

In response to Commissioner Farrow's question, Ms. Wilson explained that this contract is approximately $6,000 less than the low bid of Cuevas-Mannion and that A & R is a local firm.

In response to Commissioner Ruiz's question, President Immendorf explained that the Commission was not obligated to defer taking action on this item because of the letter submitted by Cuevas-Mannion.

On recommendation of the Finance and Candlestick Committee meeting, and on motion of Commissioner Chan, seconded by Commissioner Ruiz, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16835

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the award of contract to A & R Construction in the amount of $206,835 for the renovation of the existing children's play area at West Portal Playground.

APPROVED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:
Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Farrow, Immendorf, Ruiz, Sommer
Noes: Commissioner Mazzola
Absent: Commissioner Rovetti

GENERAL CALENDAR

5. **KEZAR STADIUM**
OPERATION AND PERMIT POLICY AMENDMENT

Consideration of an amendment of the Kezar Stadium Operation and Permit Policy to allow the sale of alcohol for a 6-month trial period.

Superintendent of Recreation, Joel Robinson, explained that last month the Commission directed staff to meet with the community and the Kezar Advisory Committee to see if a compromise could be reached regarding the sale of alcohol at Kezar Stadium. A meeting was held with the proponents, community and Kezar Advisory Committee. Several issues were aired and discussed, but the overriding thought was that the community was concerned about the sale of alcohol at Kezar Stadium. The Kezar Advisory Committee is opposed to the sale of alcohol, however, if the Commission granted approval, the Committee and the community want to be involved in the development of the rules, regulations and procedures for that change in policy. Staff will then develop a bid package for a concession agreement for Commission approval with consultation from the community and Kezar Advisory Committee, for a trial period to evaluate whether it is or is not appropriate use at Kezar Stadium.

Mr. Robinson personally thanked the community and members of the Kezar Advisory Committee for the high degree of respect everyone showed each other in discussing this emotional issue.

5. KEZAR STADIUM
OPERATION AND PERMIT POLICY AMENDMENT (Continued)

Calvin Welch, a member of the Kezar Advisory Committee, thanked Joel Robinson for being helpful during this process and said that the potential revenue from the sale of alcohol is minimal. The community in the Haight has an arrangement with the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission and the Department of City Planning to limit the number of licensed premises on the street because of the alcohol problem in the neighborhood. The sale of alcohol at Kezar Stadium will worsen the alcohol problem and might violate the existing City Planning zoning requirement. He assured the Commission that the community would appeal any alcohol permit and urged that alcohol not be allowed at Kezar Stadium.

Bruce Bernstein, lives in San Francisco, plays rugby, and is trying to expose this athletic activity. He felt that the players respected the neighborhood and that the sale of alcohol could add to the game of rugby. He suggested that the Commission approve the sale of alcohol on a trial basis to see how it is administered.

Laura Larrett, expressed concern about the Parkview Commons development and suggested that the Commission consider selling T-Shirts and other items rather than alcohol. She felt that other ways should be explored to raise money than through the sale of alcohol.

Dorrie Huntington, a member of the Kezar Advisory Committee and resident of Parkview Commons, enjoyed living across from the Kezar Stadium. She said the policy for Kezar Stadium was developed after lengthy community meetings with the users, the community, and private and public schools. She thought it was wrong to change the policy because of a promoter's request. She felt that the use of alcohol at the Kezar will have a negative impact on the neighborhood and that other measures considered. The policy was well thought-out and developed by a group of people who are committed to the City. It was her feeling that the policy had not been implemented long enough to make changes.

Yvonne Bales, a long time resident of San Francisco, spoke in opposition to the sale of alcohol at Kezar Stadium. She said that there has been some incidents of property damage, public urination, etc., after high school games held at Kezar. She questioned what would happen to the community from allowing alcohol at the facility. She felt that the City should not be in the business of making alcohol more available to children.

Clayton Mansfield, representing the Sierra Club, said the Club did not take a formal position on this issue but this type of proposal makes them uneasy. When Kezar Stadium was renovated it was to be used as a community sports facility; now it is being viewed as a cash cow. He sympathized with the Commission's need to maximize revenues but questioned the prudence of this course of action given the concerns expressed by the neighborhood and the Kezar Advisory Committee. He appreciated that rugby players would like a beer after a match but there are other places to have alcohol. He felt there was a potential risk from somebody who abuses alcohol and questioned whether the revenue from selling alcohol is worth that risk.

5. KEZAR STADIUM
OPERATION AND PERMIT POLICY AMENDMENT (Continued)

Kenneth Brown, a retired professor from UCSF, has lived and worked in the community for 35 years and is currently a member of Kezar Advisory Committee. He said the Kezar Advisory Committee voted overwhelmingly on 2 occasions to continue the ban of alcohol at Kezar Stadium. One of the strongest reasons for the opposition to the sale of alcohol was that the Committee was aware that the originally intended use of Kezar was for youth sports and community activities. This fact was strongly stressed to the public when it was asked to pay for the bond issue to support the renovation of the stadium. He felt it was poor public policy to have people pay for the renovation with this promise and then change its use at a later date. He urged the Commission to continue the ban of the sale of alcohol at Kezar Stadium.

Virginia Brown, thought it was ironic that drug abuse is frowned upon for young people but adults need to have their alcohol in order to enjoy a game.

Beatrice Laws, a neighbor of the area for 30 years, explained that she lived in the area when Kezar Stadium was used by the 49ers and recalled the different situation in the neighbohood when the 49ers' events took place. She was grateful to have the smaller stadium and was thrilled to help develop the renovation plan for a stadium for community use and children/youth activities. It seemed inappropriate to her to sell alcohol when families and children will be at this facility. She urged the Commission to not allow the sale of alcohol at Kezar Stadium.

Robert Laws, lived 30+ years in the area, said there has been much discussion of selling alcohol on a trial basis. He felt that the trial had already occurred and that one needed to remember the atmosphere after any major event at Kezar Stadium. He said the level of enthusiasm which comes from an athletic event is enhanced by the serving of alcohol and that it is impossible to control. The Commission was being asked to sell the humanity of the neighborhood and that it was not worth it.

Gus Derdevanis, was opposed to the sale of alcohol and said he has seen many, many alcoholics in the area. Since the renovation, the games that have been played have not promoted liquor. He said the Stadium is for the entire City and felt it should not be commercialized.

Rennie O'Brien, said that alcohol is sold at every other Recreation and Park facility such as Balboa Stadium. He met with the Kezar Advisory Committee and informed them that the concessions pay the administrative costs for Candlestick Park, Moscone Center and Balboa Stadium. Kezar Stadium costs $1.7 Million a year to operate yet generates only $50,000 annually. He felt that the City needed to take fiscal responsibility for the Stadium and said that some schools do not use it because it is too costly. Raising the fees will only result in an unused stadium and that Mayor Jordan has said it is time to run the City like a business. He was aware that there was an alcohol problem in the Haight but this problem was not coming from the Stadium. Businesses in the area thrived after a 49er game and he thought the neighborhood needed this type of activity.

5. KEZAR STADIUM
OPERATION AND PERMIT POLICY AMENDMENT (Continued)

Brian B. Hewitt, a frequent user of the Stadium, asked the Commission to approve this measure. He said Kezar Stadium is a beautiful facility that is being underutilized because it is so tightly regulated. Promoters interested in using the facility are turned away because of the regulations. He thought it would be wise to have a few more exciting events at Kezar and was glad to see the San Francisco Marathon use the stadium last year.

Officer Michael Gannon, representing Park Station, said that the Park Station registers no position on the sale of alcohol at Kezar but is concerned that the level of police services be commensurate with the size of the event held at Kezar Stadium. Police services should be assigned to the Kezar Stadium event, for pre-game and post-game activities, as well as the surrounding neighborhood. However, Captain Berry did not want police services to be depleted from the rest of the area as a result of Kezar activities. He encouraged the Commission to require promoters to contract with the Police Department for increased police services for Kezar events.

Jeff Wilkins, a member of the Kezar Advisory Committee, said that the neighborhood is opposed to this proposal. This Committee is comprised of user groups, such as Special Olympics, as well as the community. When the Committee overwhelmingly opposes the sale of alcohol it represents a wide range of people who use the Stadium. He thought it would be huge mistake to approve the sale of alcohol at Kezar Stadium.

Larry Burgheimer, a member of the Kezar Advisory Committee, supported the position of no alcohol and implored the Commission to not take the risk of selling alcohol at a facility that is operating beautifully. If more events are held, the field will fall into a state of disrepair.

H. A. Herp, runs concessions at Kezar Pavilion and at games held at Kezar Stadium. He has been contracted to put on certain events at Kezar Stadium and knew that they are required to pay a fee to Recreation and Park and a percentage of the gate. More of these type of events will increase revenues and he felt that alcohol is needed for these events. He described regulations such as a 2 beer limit that could be imposed and commented that he sold only 14 non-alcoholic beers at a recent event although over 150 had requested beer.

Peter Pelavin, president of the Woodland Avenue Assn., did not think that Kezar Stadium should be run like a bar. Kezar Stadium is very close to Children's Playground and even though rules are imposed, an adult can hand a beer to a minor. He cautioned the Commission that this is a serious issue that could result in a possible lawsuit if someone is injured. He opposed this proposal and felt it was too risky for the neighborhood, particularly with the revenue it would generate.

Alvin Pelavin, said that the community did not expect a large volume of semi commercial activity at Kezar Stadium and that to increase commercial activity will ruin the confidence of the neighborhood. He felt that the comments made that increased police protection was needed for large events should answer the question without further discussion.

5. KEZAR STADIUM
OPERATION AND PERMIT POLICY AMENDMENT (Continued)

Monty ~~Stfckles~~, explained that he lives in the neighborhood, played at Kezar Stadium when he was a 49er and now sees the facility begin to deteriorate. He felt that something had to be done immediately to help maintain the facility and that there seems to be a hysteria about alcohol. The areas of concern were the homeless in the parks and the undesirables on Haight Street. He did not think they could be related to a rugby crowd. He felt alcohol should be sold for a trial period.

Dennis Antenore, chair of the Kezar Advisory Committee, thanked Joel Robinson, and the members of the Kezar Advisory Committee, for the time, energy and effort they have given to make Kezar Stadium a facility for everyone in the City. The Stadium is a heavily used facility to the point that the public schools were asked to reduce its use. The country is living in a period of great social decay, a period when the youth is no longer connected, and should try to control the use of alcohol. He urged the Commission to abide by the original policy and to not change it.

Dave Freedman, urged the Commission to consider having more events at Kezar Stadium and felt it would better the Department financially to do so.

Nick Armantas, a resident of Parkview Commons, said he was opposed to sale of liquor and did not think it would generate sufficient revenue.

Mary Kilgariff, a native San Franciscan, explained as a registered nurse, and community health educator, the act of providing alcohol has ramifications to the individual, the community's well being and the environment. She said society's alcohol problem is costing California million and millions of dollars.

Kristin Maberley, voted for the bond to renovate Kezar Stadium because of fond memories of her high school football team winning their game at Kezar Stadium. She posed the question if the Commission approved the sale of alcohol at Kezar Stadium what kind of message was it giving to the children. She stressed that the bond was passed because it was going to be a stadium for the community and for youth activities.

Nancy Cutler, lives across from the Stadium, is a mother of 3 boys and attends and enjoys the Kezar Stadium facility. She was concerned because the policy was thought-out and supported. She wanted the facility to remain a community and youth sports facility. She noted that the commercial events are supposed to have a lower priority over youth and community activities. She was worried to have a trial period to sell alcohol and felt it would bring other problems to the area. She hoped the Stadium did not become more commercialized.

Cyril Hackett, organizer of Gaelic games at Kezar Stadium, and treasurer of Western Gaelic Games Association, explained that 15 teams participate in the gaelic games. The rental of the stadium costs from $2000 to $5000 per event. Rental, advertising and promotion of the events make it cost prohibitive without the aide of sponsors. He wanted the rule changed so that beer could be sold and organizations could take advantage of sponsorship money. He said the City would benefit from increased revenues. He was forced to charge each player a fee in order to pay the rent and thought that the facility might soon be too pricey.

5. KEZAR STADIUM
OPERATION AND PERMIT POLICY AMENDMENT (Continued)

Estela Becerra, a member of the Kezar Advisory Committee, lives directly across the street from the Stadium and felt if alcohol was sold at the Stadium it would be moving away from the main purpose of Kezar, to provide youth sports and athletic activities. She has lived many years at her residence and discussed problematic activities resulting from 49er games held at Kezar. She felt it was outrageous to consider the use of alcohol.

Jim Carmack, a native San Franciscan, did not see anything wrong in selling alcohol at Kezar Stadium.

Juliet Pries, has attended events at Kezar and wanted to see more events. She did not believe that the sale of alcohol would be a problem.

Kurt S. Hovan, owner and president of SF Tigers, said he heard fear and emotion from the comments made. Alcohol is a drug but it is legal in the United States and many facilities in San Francisco. He said that the Commission directed staff to meet with the Kezar Advisory Committee and try to develop a compromise. He urged the Commission to not delay the process and to consider a temporary permit to sell alcohol at Kezar.

Mary O'Donnell, a resident for San Francisco 18 years, explained that she never used Kezar Stadium until last summer. Last year, she became involved with the Irish newspaper and covered games at Kezar which were formerly held at the Polo Field. She said many families attend the games and she has never witnessed any problems with the events. She noted that people drank at the Polo Field and there were never problems and now people are developing a morality policy for the City. People might not be able to continue to have the sport at Kezar Stadium and it could disinigrate.

Anthony von der Muhl, speaking as a board member of the Haight Ashbury Neighborhood Council, and Haight Ashbury Service Association, said both organizations are adamantly opposed to any policy which allows the sale of alcohol at Kezar. He referred to several passages contained in the Community Substance Abuse Services' San Francisco Master Plan: Reducing the Problems Caused by Alcohol and Other Drugs about alcohol abuse and the need to develop positive alternatives to alcohol abuse. He further explained that the national cost of alcohol abuse is estimated at $117 Billion annually. This document also recommends that Recreation and Park work toward drug free activities for youth. He urged the Commission to not modify the current drug free policy.

John Metheny, a native San Franciscan, has been a spectator at Kezar and operates 3 restaurants that serve alcohol in the City. He said that the alcohol sales will be done for adult activities and that they will work with the neighbors to generate revenues for the City. He grew up in the area and did not like seeing the deteriorating state of the Stadium.

Commissioner Mazzola made a motion to direct staff to prepare a concession bid package within the next 90 days, and to work with the Kezar Advisory Committee, community, and the promoters to develop controlled alcohol sales at Kezar Stadium on a trial basis for a period of 6 months. Commissioner Chan seconded this motion.

5. KEZAR STADIUM
OPERATION AND PERMIT POLICY AMENDMENT (Continued)

Commissioner Chan said both sides are over-reacting and that he understood the concerns of the community and the promoters. He said there were unknown answers relating to revenue, rowdyism, etc., and that he wanted to test the sale of alcohol to see if it will work.

Commissioner Sommer said that the Kezar Advisory Committee spent many hours considering this issue. She said there are better things for the City to do with its police force than to patrol around the Stadium after a game. She commented that alcohol can be purchased at nearby bars and is a major problem for the City and the country. She wanted to remove the stigma that athletics and alcohol go together. She said that it is not known how much revenue alcohol sales will bring to the Department and that it is refreshing to have one stadium that does not sell alcohol. She was not prepared to approve the sale of alcohol at Kezar Stadium.

Commissioner Ruiz said that the community is voicing a legitimate concern but knew of 2 promoters who were interested in using Kezar but withdrew because of the rental fees. He noted that there is a lack of money to renovate Recreation and Park facilities and that the facilities are supposed to be available to those who need them. Fees are charged for everything including entrance fees, swimming pool fees, athletic field reservations, etc. He would like to see members of the community at the Board of Supervisors when the Department's budget is reduced, giving the Department no choice but to increase fees. He supported the policy to sell alcohol but proposed that if, during the trial period, a reasonable amount of money is not generated, the policy be abolished.

Commissioner Farrow was inclined to test the sale of alcohol and to review it after a trial period.

President Immendorf respected both sides and felt valid points were raised. He wanted the neighborhood to participate in developing the plan. He also wanted to make sure that no police services were depleted and that promoters contract to use the City's police force. The Department has had its budget reduced and it has been forced to cut services and eliminate programs. He wanted a provision included that money generated from alcohol sales is allocated to Kezar Stadium.

A discussion ensued regarding Commissioner Ruiz's proposal to abolish the policy if revenues generated are minimal. Commissioner Mazzola said that the revenue picture would be reviewed at the end of the trial period and that it would be difficult to determine a dollar figure to trigger abolishing the policy.

President Immendorf commended Mr. Robinson in his efforts to work with the community and the Kezar Advisory Committee. He suggested that the commissioners convey their specific concerns directly to him so that he could develop a proposal that addresses the many issues raised.

On motion of Commissioner Mazzola, seconded by Commissioner Chan, the following resolution was adopted: .

5. **KEZAR STADIUM**
OPERATION AND PERMIT POLICY AMENDMENT (Continued)

RES. NO. 16836

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves an amendment to the Kezar Stadium Operation and Permit Policy to allow the sale of alcohol for a 6-month trial period with the following conditions:

°The community and Kezar Advisory Committee will be involved in the development of the policy;
°Promoters will contract with the San Francisco Police Department to hire police services requisite for the size of the event.

APPROVED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:
Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Farrow, Immendorf, Mazzola, Ruiz
Noes: Commissioner Sommer
Absent: Commissioner Rovetti

4:00 p.m. - 4:10 p.m. the Commission recessed.

6. **RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT**
1994-95 BUDGET REQUEST

Consideration of the Recreation and Park Department 1994-95 budget request.

Assistant General Manager for Administration, Phil Arnold, explained the budget was considered before the Select Committee on Budget. At that meeting, he advised the Committee that some of the numbers were askew because staff was still working with the Controller's Office on fund balances. The budget request to be submitted to the Mayor is $56,776,857. This figure is down $1,665,820 from the current budget of $58,442,677. The principal changes that result in this downward adjustment are as follows:

- The transfer of the Zoo to the Zoological Society results in a decrease in personnel costs of approximately $3.5 million, a decrease in non-personnel costs of approximately $540,000 and an increase in contractual service costs of $3.3 million.
- The overtime budget is reduced by $134,183 following the Mayor's guidelines.
- Travel and training budgets are reduced by $18,100 following the guidelines established by the Mayor.
- Sewer Service Charge expenses are increased by $87,202 based on information provided by the Department of Public Works', Clean Water Program.
- The budget for equipment is increased by $265,860.
- Utility costs are decreased by $50,470 reflecting the success of the energy conservation program begun by this department two years ago.

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1994-95 BUDGET REQUEST (Continued)

- The budget for Workers Compensation is decreased by $92,728 which demonstrates the success of this department's effort to control work-related injuries.

- The budgets for the City Attorney, Controller and Purchaser are increased by $57,562 due to the increasing costs of the services provided by those departments.

A reserve of $450,668 is budgeted to pay for the anticipated increased costs of employee compensation from the Local 790 settlement. A reserve of $570,791 is also set aside to reduce the salary budget from 7% to 2% (salary savings). Under the Mayor's budget guidelines, these costs are funded through increases in departmental revenues rather than from increases in the General Fund allocation to this department.

Personnel Changes Under the 1994-95 budget request, the Recreation and Park Department would have 829 authorized permanent positions which is an increase of two positions over the current authorized level. This increase results from the elimination of eight positions from the Zoo, the restoration of four security positions at Candlestick Park, the enumeration of five urban forestry positions already funded by a capital project and the creation of a new position to work on the bond-funded reforestation program in Golden Gate Park.

In response to Commissioner Mazzola's question, Mr. Arnold explained that four new gardener positions are shown for Urban Forestry. These positions were budgeted against a project, therefore there is no increase in positions.

Capital Budget The capital budget request for the Recreation and Park Department for 1994-95 totals $10.6 million. This request includes approximately $6.7 million in open space funds for acquisition, development and renovation of parks, playgrounds, recreation centers and public open spaces, $2.5 million for Candlestick Park improvements, $400,000 for Marina improvements, $250,000 for improvements at Camp Mather, $200,000 for golf course improvements and approximately $550,000 for general maintenance.

Funding Sources The total 1994-95 budget request for the Recreation and Park Department, including the operating budget, the capital budget and the reserves for employee compensation increases under the guidelines prescribed by the Mayor's budget office, is approximately $68.4 million. This budget is funded from departmental revenues, the Open Space Fund, the Children's Fund and the General Fund. The General Fund allocation to the Recreation and Park Department includes $4 million for the operation of the Zoo under the management of the Zoological Society and $9.467 million of discretionary funds.

Program Enhancements The discretionary General Fund allocation is approximately the same as for the current year and will permit the Recreation and Park Department to maintain all existing programs, facilities and services. In addition, through a reorganization of service delivery methods, the Recreation and Park Department will, with this level of funding, be able to provide the following service enhancements:

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1994-95 BUDGET REQUEST (Continued)

- Swimming pool hours will be expanded, perhaps with the addition of weekend hours at Mission Pool and restoring year round operation at King Pool.

- Offer a new summer sports camp for teens during the summer of 1994.

- Increase late night activities for teens and young adults at recreation centers in the Richmond, Sunset, and Chinatown neighborhoods.

- Facilities and landscaping at Civic Center, Union Square and Mission Playground would be renovated and maintenance at these facilities would be enhanced.

- Recreational programs for children supported by the Children's Fund would be increased by approximately 10,000 hours over the amount budgeted by the Children's Fund through a subsidy from departmental revenues.

The Mayor has also asked the Recreation and Park Department to prepare budget reduction proposals in the amount of approximately $800,000. These proposals are to be submitted along with the departmental budget request and would be considered only in the event that the City's current 1994-95 revenue estimates are too high. Should such reductions become necessary, staff would recommend that the reductions be implemented from the service enhancements proposed under the Department's budget request or from the infrastructure repairs proposed for Candlestick Park. The actual amount of the reduction for these two items will be determined depending upon how much of a reduction the Department is assessed.

Mr. Arnold explained that there are a number of reclassification of positions. Civil Service has conducted a study of five positions and determined that they should be reclassified to other titles.

The proposed capital projects for the Department are as follows:

Open Space Acquisition and Development	$5,000,000
Open Space Facility Renovation	1,700,000
General Facility Maintenance	556,200
Camp Mather	250,000
Money would be used for maintenance and water service improvements at Camp Mather	
Golf Course Maintenance	200,000
Candlestick Park Maintenance	750,000
Candlestick Park Parking Improvements	1,000,000
This money would be specifically used for acquisition of property along Jamestown which is currently used for parking and is now for sale.	
Candlestick Park Infrastructure Repairs	750,000
There is a main water line along the mezzanine level that is about to burst ($200,000 to repair). There are a number of electrical substations around the stadium but they are not in balance creating an overload.	
Marina Maintenance	100,000
Marina Dredging	300,000
TOTAL	$10,606,200

6. RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT
1994-95 BUDGET REQUEST (Continued)

Mr. Arnold said the Department cannot afford to budget $300,000 for dredging year after year.

General Manager, Mary E. Burns, explained that there is a draft regulation circulating that would allow dredging of recreational marinas without going through the same process that larger ports have to go through, reducing the amount of time it takes to obtain a permit.

Mr. Arnold then presented a fund balance report outlining the balances of the different accounts (Open Space, Yacht Harbor, Revenue, Children Baseline, Stadium, and Zoo).

In response to Commissioner Sommer's question, Mr. Arnold explained that rent is due for Portsmouth Square. A payment was received by the Controller but not credited to the Department. Another payment was due in December and another in January. The Department is meeting regularly with the Department of Parking and Traffic, and the Controller regarding the payment issue.

Mr. Arnold explained that last year's budget was based on the Giants paying a rent of $1 per year. Subsequently, during the year, that rent was restored at 5% of gross admissions. Last year's rent was over $1 Million and was unbudgeted revenue. The Department is able to present the 1994-95 budget because some of the revenues were unbudgeted and therefore allows the Department to enhance some of its services.

Mr. Arnold further explained that if the Department is forced to take a reduction because the City's revenue picture deteriorates, then it is proposed that those reductions come from either of the following:

Facility Renovations at Civic Center, Union Square and Mission Playground ($475,000). The Recreation and Park Department is proposing to clean, relandscape, paint and generally improve these three high-use facilities.

Candlestick Park Infrastructure Improvements ($750,000). The electrical system at Candlestick Park needs to be upgraded and balanced and major plumbing improvements are also necessary. During last season, the field lights nearly failed and a water main on the mezzanine level is very deteriorated. These needed improvements have been deferred for several years at the risk of major structural failure.

President Immendorf explained that the Select Committee on Budget eliminated other proposals because they would reduce teen and children programs and services.

The Mayor's Office asked the Department to:

°Submit a proposal to increase maintenance levels in those neighborhood parks in the greatest need. The Department has identified Civic Center, Union Square and Mission Playground as the parks in greatest needs.

6. RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT
1994-95 BUDGET REQUEST (Continued)

°Provide a preliminary outline for the process to develop a Golden Gate Conservancy, a private not for profit foundation similar to New York City's Central Park Conservancy. The Department has been developing an outline of steps in order to reach this goal.

°Submit a proposal to consolidate the operations of the Golden Gate Park Riding Academy with the Police Department's riding facilities. The Department will be meeting with the Police Department to explore this proposal.

°Submit a proposal for changes in the Aquatics Division in such areas as enhanced hours at certain pools to increase participation particularly by disadvantaged youth, revision to the fee structure to increase revenues and participation, revisions to staffing schedule to increase hours, development of outside revenue sources and the suitability of an advertising campaign to promote City pool use. The Department is working on this request.

Commissioner Mazzola said he understood that there is a budget crisis and the Department does not have enough employees to maintain Recreation and Park property. He said that if the extended partnership with the Zoo worked well then perhaps Golden Gate Park should also be contracted out.

General Manager, Mary E. Burns, explained that the advantage of the partnership was to not reduce services at the Zoo. Rather, the partnership relies on the Zoological Society's ability to raise private money. They were required to raise $10 Million in a 5 year period and have raised $12 Million in the first few months. She said the Department needs to look collectively at other options and cannot continue to rely on the General Fund for support. There is a tremendous amount of interest in the service Recreation and Park delivers and that on a day-to-day basis it touches the lives of more people than any other City department.

In response to Commissioner Mazzola's question, Ms. Burns explained that it would be a 3-5 year period to close the Zoo. He thought that the Board of Supervisors would not allow the Department to close the Zoo.

Commissioner Sommer suggested that the Department receive the savings that the Department generate from fighting lawsuits and getting the rent from Portsmouth Square.

Clayton Mansfield, said he agreed with the statements made by Commissioner Ruiz that the neighbors from the Haight-Ashbury should attend Board of Supervisors' budget hearings. He submitted an editorial from the New Yorker Magazine that discussed the budget forecast for New York City's Park and Recreation District. The editorial suggested that the District needed to tap into other funding sources from state and federal agencies and to acquire private donations.

Emeric Kalman, asked how come the Zoo was budgeted another $1 Million. He inquired if the Department implemented a zero based budget and asked why the salaries have increased over $200,000 at the Marina Yacht Harbor.

6. **RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT**
1994-95 BUDGET REQUEST (Continued)

Mr. Arnold responded to Mr. Kalman's questions and said the Zoo contract requires the Zoological Society to receive the same rate the City receives for utility costs. The only way to do this is to have the City pay those costs and be reimbursed by the Zoological Society. The Recreation and Park Department was not identified to comply with a zero based budget. He finally explained that there is a reduction in the Marina Yacht Harbor salaries with a savings of $70,000 in personnel costs at the Harbor.

On recommendation of the Select Committee on Budget, and on motion of Commissioner Chan, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16837

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the Recreation and Park Department 1994-95 budget request.

7. **ST. MARY'S SQUARE**
MULTIPLE DAY EVENT

Approval of a multiple day event at St. Mary's Square Park for the carnival portion of the Chinese New Year Celebration, from Wednesday, February 9 through Sunday, February 13, 1994.

Superintendent of Recreation, Joel Robinson, explained that this item is a request to ratify this multiple day event that was held recently. The event promoter submitted the request a few days before the February Parks and Planning Committee meeting and, therefore, he requested the Commission to ratify the event. He received a report that there were no significant problems with this event although this was the first year it was held at St. Mary's Square. The permittee followed all of the requirements and there was no major damage to the park from the event.

Commissioner Sommer said she was annoyed that the Commission consistently receives the request a few days before the event. She wanted to have sufficient time to review this request.

The Commission directed that a letter be sent to the event promoter for the Chinese New Year celebration informing them that future requests must be received in a timely manner or the request will not be considered by the Commission.

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Ruiz, seconded by Commissioner Sommer, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16838

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies a multiple day event at St. Mary's Square Park for the carnival portion of the Chinese New Year Celebration, from Wednesday, February 9 through Sunday, February 13, 1994.

APPROVED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:
Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Immendorf, Mazzola, Ruiz
Noes: Commissioner Sommer
Absent: Commissioner Farrow, Rovetti

8. **CIVIC CENTER PLAZA**
JUSTIN HERMAN PLAZA
SELF-CLEANING PUBLIC TOILET INSTALLATIONS

Approval of a revocable permit to allow the installation of a self-cleaning public toilet at Civic Center Plaza and Justin Herman Plaza and approval of the Department of City Planning's environmental review findings on the San Francisco Public Toilet/Kiosk Program relating to Recreation and Park property.

Superintendent of Parks, Ron deLeon, explained that this item is a request to place two self-cleaning public toilets on Recreation and Park property. At the direction of the Mayor's Office, the Department of Public Works has proposed implementation of a City-wide public toilet/advertising kiosk program. The initial proposal will put into place 27 free standing public toilets and 120 advertising kiosks. All of the toilets will be handicapped accessible, are 10' tall, 12' long and 7' wide. The Department of City Planning has completed and adopted the environmental evaluation for the proposed public toilet restroom City-wide. It considered the increased noise, pedestrian circulation, increased lighting from the structure, land use, etc., and found no adverse impact to administer this program. The two sites recommended for placement of the public restrooms are Civic Center Plaza, on the south side of the Fulton Street corridor. Initially it was recommended to be placed at the corner of McAllister and Larkin. However, some of the organizations involved in the construction of the Civic Center Tot Lot (Northeast side of the Plaza) felt it was unwise to have it so close to the play area. The second site is Justin Herman Plaza, north of the Market Street corridor, west of the stage area.

Mr. deLeon explained that a very important component of this project is that all of the toilet installations will be funded by the sale of advertising space on the kiosks. The City Planning Code, Park Code as well as the City Charter prohibits advertising on Recreation and Park property. The City Attorney has advised that advertising is prohibited on Recreation and Park Department property. Mr. deLeon requested that advertising kiosks not be placed on Recreation and Park property. There are 3 advertising kiosks proposed for Recreation and Park Department property.

President Immendorf asked if the request to prohibit advertising on Recreation and Park property was acceptable.

General Manager, Mary E. Burns, explained that the City Attorney's Office intends to tell the Board of Supervisors that to place advertising kiosks on park property would require a change to the City Charter.

President Immendorf said the City is best served to have these public restrooms. He was concerned that the Department's strong stance on no advertising might prevent the City from having more public restrooms on park property.

Mr. deLeon said that he understood President Immendorf's concerns but it was his understanding that park property extends to the curb.

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JUSTIN HERMAN PLAZA
SELF-CLEANING PUBLIC TOILET INSTALLATIONS (Continued)

Vitaly Troyan, representing the Department of Public Works, said that Public Works has no intention to advertise on park property but wants to place kiosks on sidewalks in front of park property. The sites are Washington Square, Civic Center and Justin Herman Plaza.

A discussion ensued regarding the issue of advertising on park property. It was agreed that this issue be referred to next month's meeting.

Mr. Troyan explained that another park site has been identified for placement of a public restroom and suggested that the Commission consider the third restroom and the issue of advertising on park property at the same time. He said they were seeking 3 sites for advertising kiosks in exchange for providing toilets free. There is no request to place a kiosk in Golden Gate Park.

Commissioner Sommer said it was her understanding at the Committee level that there would be advertising elsewhere in the City but not on park property.

Ms. Burns explained that when bus shelters were installed on sidewalks adjacent to park property, advertising was specifically prohibited.

President Immendorf said he wanted to see a decision from the City Attorney's Office on this issue. He wanted to see this program proceed.

Mr. Troyan said there are many City restrictions such as kiosks cannot be placed on any sidewalks less than 12', the Art Commission does not want kiosks in the medians, etc. By the time he has met with all the City agencies there will not be sufficient places for advertising kiosks.

President Immendorf suggested that approval be granted for the placement of the toilets and that the question of the advertising be referred to the next Commission Meeting.

In response to Commissioner Mazzola's question, Mr. Troyan explained that J. C. Decaux, a French vendor, will provide the toilets and has not selected the subcontractors, although the contract urges that he hire local contractors.

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Sommer, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16839

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves a revocable permit to allow the installation of a self-cleaning public toilet at Civic Center Plaza and Justin Herman Plaza and approval of the Department of City Planning's environmental review findings on the San Francisco Public Toilet/Kiosk Program relating to Recreation and Park property.

9. **JUSTIN HERMAN PLAZA**
MULTIPLE DAY EVENT

Approval of a two day event at Justin Herman Plaza for the San Francisco Legacy Tour '94 Soccer Celebration on Friday, April 29 and Saturday, April 30, 1994, with a request for a modification of the existing policy to permit amplified sound from 12 Noon until 10 p.m.

Superintendent of Recreation, Joel Robinson, explained that this item is approval of a multiple day event at Justin Herman Plaza for the Legacy Tour which is connected to the 1994 celebration of World Cup Soccer. This item was considered by the Parks and Planning Committee and there were questions raised regarding the number of hours of amplified sound requested. By way of background, Mr. Robinson explained that the sound policy for Justin Herman Plaza is in the state of flux due to the recent modification granted for amplified sound for the ice skating rink. Staff would like to review the amplified sound policy for Justin Herman Plaza and develop a revised policy for the Commission's consideration. Since the Commission recently made an exemption for amplified sound at Justin Herman Plaza, requests must now be considered on a case-by-case basis. The current request is to have sound from 12:00 Noon to 10:00 p.m. on Friday and from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Saturday. The promoter has now requested permission to have amplified sound from 12:00 Noon to 9:00 p.m. on Friday with 6 hours of total sound within that time frame, and from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Saturday with 8 hours of sound within that time frame. The promoter will present an outline of when the sound would be heard during this time period. This policy was formerly used for amplified sound at Sharon Meadow. Mr. Robinson explained that he has not received any negative responses from the management at the Embarcadero Center regarding the number of hours of amplified sound.

President Immendorf said that some of the events held at Justin Herman Plaza have been successful. Mr. Robinson said that the Hyatt Regency has not expressed concern over this event.

Commissioner Sommer said it was her understanding that the Commission would receive an outline of the times and hours for amplified sound for this event prior to the Commission meeting. She was annoyed by the lack of response to her request.

Mr. Robinson said he was not aware that he was supposed to bring the outline.

Commissioner Ruiz said that the Commission should give a vote of support to staff for obtaining the necessary information.

Ross Mirkarimi, Regional Director of World Legacy Tour, was under the impression that he was to work with the staff on the number of hours of amplified sound. He reinforced the point that the Embarcadero tenants have not commented negatively to the event. He said a public address announcement system is needed to give progress reports of the games. There will be 2 hours of music on Friday. On Saturday concert times will be from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

9. **JUSTIN HERMAN PLAZA**
MULTIPLE DAY EVENT (Continued)

Commissioner Chan said that during the Committee review he had not been comfortable with the number of hours of amplified sound at the Committee level and was pleased that staff plans to review the amplified sound policy for Justin Herman Plaza.

Commissioner Sommer said that she supported the event but wants all of the facts presented before the meeting so that she can make an informed decision without having to ask question upon question at the meeting.

On motion of Commissioner Mazzola, seconded by Commissioner Ruiz, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16840

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves a two day event at Justin Herman Plaza for the San Francisco Legacy Tour '94 Soccer Celebration on Friday, April 29 and Saturday, April 30, 1994, with amplified sound as follows:

°Friday, 4/29/94 - Amplified sound from 12:00 Noon to 9:00 p.m., with 6 hours of total sound within that time frame
°Saturday, 4/30/94 - Amplified sound from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., with 8 hours of sound within that time frame.
°The promoter will present an outline of when the sound would be heard during this time period.

APPROVED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:
Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Immendorf, Mazzola, Ruiz
Noes: Commissioner Sommer
Absent: Commissioner Farrow, Rovetti

10. **McLAREN LODGE**
HANDICAPPED ACCESS RAMP

Approval of Handicapped Access Ramp at McLaren Lodge, Golden Gate Park.

Park Planner, Deborah Learner, explained that the proposed disabled access ramp will come from the walkway in front of McLaren Lodge in the same alignment as the porch but will be pushed out a little to the south, approximately 4'. The Commission previously approved a plan for a pedestrian walkway to the Lodge. The handicapped access ramp project will be combined with the pedestrian walkway project.

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Sommer, seconded by Commissioner Mazzola, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16841

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the handicapped access ramp at McLaren Lodge, Golden Gate Park.

APPROVED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:
Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Immendorf, Mazzola, Ruiz
Noes: Commissioner Sommer
Absent: Commissioner Farrow, Rovetti

11. **SHARP PARK GOLF COURSE**
MODIFICATIONS TO RESTAURANT SERVICE AREA

Approval of modifications to restaurant service area at Sharp Park Golf Course.

Park Planner, Deborah Learner, explained that this item was presented at the Golf, Yacht Harbor and Camp Mather Committee, and that the Committee met at the Sharp Park Golf Course Restaurant. The proposal is to expand the service area. The fence would be moved out approximately 5' to the east to make room for repositioning the various support facilities to the restaurant. Staff has suggested that the fence be modified to be more attractive. This project is being done in advance of a restaurant addition which will be considered by the Commission at a future date.

Commissioner Chan explained that the Controller's Office audit raised an issue that the concessionaire must make public improvements to the facility. This requirement is part of the lease agreement.

Joan Lantz, explained that this item will enable the concessionaire to make the expansion of the restaurant as they need more room in the service area. She wanted this work completed in advance of the expansion project.

Commissioner Sommer wanted to have a site at the restaurant to walk up and get fast food so that one could keep playing and not slow down the game of golf. She felt it was wise to have a walk up concession at Sharp Park in the future.

On recommendation of the Golf, Yacht Harbor and Camp Mather Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Mazzola, seconded by Commissioner Sommer, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16842

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the modifications to restaurant service area at Sharp Park Golf Course.

APPROVED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:
Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Immendorf, Mazzola, Ruiz
Noes: Commissioner Sommer
Absent: Commissioner Farrow, Rovetti

12. **RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT**
MISSION STATEMENT

Approval of the Mission Statement for the Recreation and Park Department.

General Manager, Mary E. Burns, explained that this is part of a larger effort staff is undertaking to develop a strategic plan for the Department. The Department had a mission statement that was quite lengthy. A cross section of Department met and developed a mission statement. She suggested one modification to the statement and recommended approval.

On recommendation of the Finance and Candlestick Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Sommer, seconded by Commissioner Chan, the following resolution was adopted:

12. **RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT**
MISSION STATEMENT (Continued) **RES. NO. 16843**

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the Mission Statement for the Recreation and Park Department to read as follows:

It is the mission of the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department to provide quality recreation and leisure experiences essential to San Franciscans and visitors. We offer:

°Enrichment programs
°Opportunities for physical, mental and social pursuits
°Alternatives to crime
°Environmental stewardship
°Attractions for San Francisco tourists
°Partnerships with the community that recognize each other's values and needs
°Safe and well-maintained facilities and parks.

12a. **CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE**
BRIEFING
CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS

Briefing from the City Attorney's Office on Recreation and Park Commission approval for construction contracts.

Note: This item was removed from the Calendar.

13. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

David Miles, representing the Golden Gate Park Skate Patrol, has been a 15 year volunteer to the Department. Over the past year, a few individuals have appeared before the Commission saying that he is violating park rules and it has been frustrating to him. He understood that the Commission was obligated to investigate such reports but submitted a petition with over 1,300 names showing support for his services. He said many people come to the park on Sundays and trust him and expect him to look out for their interests. He has no authority and assists people in his role as the Skate Patrol. He was unsure where he stood with the Department. He offers free skating lessons and is planning a guns for skates trade off in the park. He gave a list of accident and injury reports to the Department.

Emeric Kalman, referenced a letter sent to the Grand Jury and said that the Commission was supposed to have a public meeting on the Marina Master Plan and nothing has been scheduled. He was instructed to write to the Commission regarding his concerns but has not received a response. He discussed the disabled access ramps at the Marina and asked the Commission to postpone the disability access issue until it is analyzed in more depth. He also wanted to see a copy of the complaint filed regarding the disabled access at the Marina and commented that the Marina Manager received a vote of "no confidence" by the Tenants Association. Finally, he urged the Commission to establish a task force to analyze issues pertaining to the Marina.

14. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

In response to Commissioner Mazzola's question, **General Manager, Mary E. Burns,** explained that construction contracts are normally placed on the Consent Calendar when they have come out of the committee meeting with no dissent.

Commissioner Mazzola said that the construction job at Candlestick Park was stopped. President Immendorf said there is a meeting scheduled on 2/18/94 to discuss this construction contract.

15. COMMISSION COMMITTEE REPORTS

The following Commission Committee reports were submitted for the record:

Joint Zoo Committee Meeting of January 5, 1994
Parks and Planning Committee Meeting of February 1, 1994
Finance and Candlestick Committee Meeting of February 3, 1994
Golf, Yacht Harbor and Camp Mather Committee Meeting of February 7, 1994
Select Committee on Budget Meeting of February 9, 1994

16. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Commissioner Farrow, the meeting was adjourned in memory of Louis J. Amoroso, husband of Beresford Amoroso, a board member of the Friends of Recreation and Parks, who passed away recently.

On motion of Commissioner Sommer, the meeting was adjourned in memory of Jack O'Brien, trustee to the Strybing Arboretum Society, who passed away recently.

On motion of Commissioner Ruiz, the meeting was adjourned in memory of Ed Aulerich-Sugai, a gardener at the Conservatory, who passed away recently.

On motion of Commissioner Immendorf, the meeting was adjourned with best wishes for a speedy recovery to Commissioner Vincent J. Rovetti, who is recovering from recent surgery.

There being no further business, the 690th Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shauna Marie Rose
Commission Secretary

Note: These minutes set forth all actions taken by the Recreation and Park Commission on matters stated, but not necessarily in the chronological order in which the matters were taken up.

San Francisco, California
March 17, 1994

Frank M. Jordan, Mayor

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RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION

MINUTES

691ST REGULAR MEETING

THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 1994 - 2:00 P.M.

The Six Hundred and Ninety-First Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Thursday, March 17, 1994, at 2:00 p.m. by President Jack Immendorf.

1. ROLL CALL

Present:
Commissioner Jack Immendorf, President
Commissioner Larry Mazzola, Vice President
Commissioner Sidney Chan
Commissioner Bella Farrow
Commissioner Vince Rovetti
Commissioner Santiago Ruiz
Commissioner Sue Sommer
Absent:

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Mazzola explained that one of the items discussed at the February 17, 1994 meeting was the Department's budget. At that meeting, he commented that if the Department did not have sufficient money to maintain Golden Gate Park it might consider leasing out the park as was done for the Zoo. Commissioner Mazzola remarked that he had made this comment in jest and said it was never his intent for the Department to contract out that service. He asked the Commission Secretary to amend the minutes to reflect his true feelings.

On motion of Commissioner Ruiz, seconded by Commissioner Sommer, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 17, 1994, were approved as amended.

3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

General Manager, Mary E. Burns, submitted the following report:

"ADVERTISING KIOSKS ON SIDEWALKS ADJACENT TO PARK PROPERTY

As you will recall, last month the Commission approved a revocable permit to install a self-cleaning public toilet at Civic Center Plaza and at Justin Herman Plaza. The issue of advertising on park property was also discussed and the question was raised as to which City agency had jurisdiction over sidewalks that are adjacent to park property. Staff contacted the Real Estate Department who has advised that Recreation and Park's jurisdiction pertains only to that area which is dedicated for park purposes. Generally speaking, sidewalks are under the jurisdiction of the Department of Public Works. Therefore, this Commission does not have the authority to rule on the issue of the placement of advertising kiosks adjacent to park property. The Department of Public Works is now considering placing advertising kiosks on sidewalks adjacent to Civic Center Plaza, Justin Herman Plaza and Washington Square.

FINGERPRINTING OF EMPLOYEES AND VOLUNTEERS WHO WORK WITH CHILDREN

On October 9, 1993, Governor Wilson signed into law Assembly Bill 1663 which makes it mandatory for any public Recreation and Park Department to screen volunteers and employees for certain types of felony convictions if the person would be in a position having supervisory or disciplinary authority over any minor. While the standard procedure has been to fingerprint most employees at the time of hire, the results of criminal record searches are delayed, sometimes up to six months. With the passage of this legislation, the Department must find a way to expedite the criminal record searches so that we have the results prior to the start of any volunteer or employee. We are currently exploring with the Sheriff's Department a way which would allow us to receive an expedited response to our inquiries. Preliminary discussions have indicated that an ordinance passed by the Board of Supervisors may be necessary for us to have state criminal files searched. It is expected that the passage of such an ordinance would be non-controversial due to the need to protect minors from criminals with certain types of convictions.

FOOD NOT BOMBS

On February 23, 1994, the Superior Court ordered that a judgment be entered permanently enjoining defendants Keith McHenry, Lawrence Butler and Food Not Bombs (including their agents, servants, assigns and all acting in concert with them) from violating the provisions of the San Francisco Municipal Code. Specifically, they are permanently enjoined from preparing, serving or distributing food products to members of the public unless they possess effective and appropriate permits from the Recreation and Park Department and the Department of Public Health. The Food Not Bombs' organization has applied for a permit to serve food and conduct recreational activities in Civic Center Plaza twice a day, noon to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday, and seven days a week for 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)

ACADEMY OF SCIENCES SUMMER CAMP PROGRAM

Once again the Recreation and Park Department and the California Academy of Sciences are collaborating on a six-week summer camp program for children 6 to 12 years of age. Starting June 20, each week a different group of 30 children from our latch key and playground sites throughout San Francisco will be transported to the Academy of Sciences for an afternoon of educational presentations, hands-on activities and behind the scenes experiences. Recreation staff look forward to another successful year of this program which was initiated last summer.

CANDLESTICK PARK

As Opening Day approaches, there continue to be last-minute problems with the construction project at Candlestick Park. Costs of the project have escalated to approximately $1.5 million over the original estimates by the Department of Public Works. In order to cover these increases, certain items have been delayed and DPW will be submitting a supplemental appropriation request for additional funds. The construction contractor has assured the City that all of the dugout work and seating work will be completed before the start of the Bay Bridge Series on April 1. However, such items as the new elevator, some of the new signage and an exit stairway will not be completed until mid-summer.

LOCAL 856 MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Negotiations for a new Memorandum of Understanding between the City and Teamster Local 856 have been ongoing for approximately a year and a half. This Local represents the Civil Service Animal Keepers at the Zoo. Tentative agreements have been reached on a number of provisions but not all. On February 1, impasse was declared and a mediator was brought in to try to resolve the remaining issues. The first mediation session took place on March 15.

CAMP MATHER

Camp Mather applications for the 1994 season were sent out the first week of March to all individuals who have requested applications. To date, approximately 3,500 applications have been sent out. Resident applications will be accepted beginning April 1; non-resident applications will be accepted beginning April 15.

The 1994 season runs ten weeks with the first week starting on June 18 and the final week starting on August 20. There are 97 cabins which can accommodate from two to six guests, and there are 20 tent sites which will accommodate up to four campers. Five cabins are handicapped accessible.

3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)

FELINE CONSERVATION CENTER

Bulldozers broke ground March 10 on the new Feline Conservation Center, a long-term breeding facility for endangered cat species at the San Francisco Zoo. When completed this fall, it will house the small cats currently living in the small "row cages," including the snow, black and Persian leopards, puma, jaguar and jungle cats. And then, at long last, the row cages will be demolished.

At 20,000 square feet, the new facility will consist of 12 enclosures, each one four to five times larger than the largest of the current cages. The cats will have climbing logs, naturalistic landscaping, dirt to scratch in and nooks and crannies where they can forage for treats.

The Feline Conservation Center will provide more than just creature comforts; it is designed to promote the psychological well-being of its inhabitants as well. In addition to removable climbing structures and scratching posts, the facility will contain provisions for interactive enrichment devices and video monitoring.

DUTCH WINDMILL

On March 22, at 2:00 p.m., there will be a reception in the Queen Wilhelmina Tulip Garden near the Dutch Windmill to honor the donors who contributed to the purchase of bulbs for this year's flower display. Members of the Dutch community, San Francisco Beautiful and Friends of Recreation and Parks are expected. Paintings by internationally acclaimed tulip artist Toey Everett will be displayed. One painting will be auctioned with proceeds going toward a fund to determine restoration needs of the Murphy Windmill. All Commissioners are invited to attend.

PALACE OF FINE ARTS LIGHTING

I am pleased to announce that The Condy Foundation has offered the Friends of Recreation and Parks funding support in the amount of $82,000 for the completion of the dome lighting and continuation of the lighting maintenance project of the Palace of Fine Arts through the year 2001 and as long thereafter as terms of any new agreement at that time would specify. Their maintenance commitment would involve cleaning fixtures, replacing lamps and ballasts and providing ongoing monitoring and service of the lighting system.

RANDALL MUSEUM

The long awaited renovation of the Randall Museum's theatre and lobby marks the completion of the first phase of the Museum's master plan which was approved by the Commission in 1989. The next phase provides for exciting new exhibits in the remodeled lobby, followed by exhibits for the halls and animal room. In addition, proposals for the areas around the Museum are currently being prepared. These plans will be presented to the Commission at next month's meeting.

3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)

BULLDOZING OF HOMELESS ENCAMPMENT IN GOLDEN GATE PARK

At their meeting of March 14, 1994, the Board of Supervisors unanimously passed a resolution condemning the actions of the Recreation and Park Department to bulldoze a homeless encampment in Golden Gate Park without adequate prior notice or outreach and urging the Mayor to review the enforcement of existing City department protocols to ensure that such incidents to not recur. I am particularly concerned that one clause calls for no removal of homeless and their belongings if alternative housing and services are not available; this, despite concern expressed for children's play areas, athletic fields, etc. The resolution was sponsored by Supervisor Leal and co-authored by Supervisors Alioto, Migden, Bierman and Hallinan.

(Note for the Record. In response to questions from commissioners, Ms. Burns departed from her prepared remarks and added the following commentary:)

Ms. Burns explained that this resolution was sponsored by Supervisor Leal and co-authored by Supervisors Alioto, Migden, Bierman and Hallinan. Supervisors Conroy, Hsieh and Maher were not present when the vote was taken.

Ms. Burns explained that City's Matrix Program has been in existence for some time and that on a day-to-day basis the Department encounters 50-100 situations with the homeless. Normally staff asks them to move so that not every instance involves the Matrix operation. In this particular case, the site was quite large and one of the gardening supervisors said it was the worst encampment he had ever witnessed. The protocol calls for a schedule that involves staff from the Police Department, Department of Social Services, Health Department and Recreation and Park Department. The published schedule asked all parties to be on the encampment at 7:00 a.m. However, the Health Department and Department of Social Services met and changed the arrival time to 9:00 a.m. and never informed the other City agencies. Ms. Burns recounted the events explaining that staff from the Police and Recreation and Park Departments arrived at the encampment to inform the people that it was an illegal encampment, they could not camp on park property and would be asked to leave, and that there were would be outreach workers arriving to assist them if necessary. There were 3 individuals on the site at that time, one in the upper area and 2 others in the a lower area. Staff left and then returned at 9:00 a.m., thinking the outreach worker had visited the area. One person was still in the upper encampment and the 2 others from the lower encampment had their things loaded in a shopping cart and were leaving the site. They were advised that there were agencies to assist them and they turned down any assistance.

It had rained a few days before and the materials that were left in the lower encampment were covered with urine and human feces. The area was on a steep slope and it was intertwined with Leptospermum, a woody material. The supervisor felt the area was too dangerous and unsanitary for workers to clear and

3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)

BULLDOZING OF HOMELESS ENCAMPMENT IN GOLDEN GATE PARK (Continued)

beyond what a gardener should do in their day-to-day jobs. Therefore, the supervisor asked for a heavy equipment operator to come in and clear the site. The supervisor left the site and the bulldozer operator and 2 gardeners were left on the site.

At approximately 10:00 a.m., the outreach workers arrived. An unpleasant verbal exchange occurred with the outreach workers and Recreation and Park Department staff and the Police Department calmed tempers.

Ms. Burns explained that it was not the normal way the Department handles encampments, however, the items in the lower encampment were not salvageable and the valuable items in the upper camp were untouched. Staff has been repeatedly threatened by the homeless, and it is a very difficult and sometimes dangerous situation.

A discussion ensued regarding the inappropriate action of the Board of Supervisors' resolution and the fact that the City's parks cannot serve as homeless shelters. President Immendorf did not apologize for the Department's action, felt it has been sensitive to the homeless, and that it has an obligation to keep the parks clean and safe. A suggestion was made to invite members of the Board of Supervisors to personally view some of the encampments so they can see the health hazards that are present in the parks.

(Ms. Burns then returned to her original statement.)

SALE OF ALCOHOL AT KEZAR STADIUM

At their meeting of March 14, 1994, the Board of Supervisors passed a resolution urging the Recreation and Park Commission to rescind its decision to enter into a test period for the sale of alcohol at Kezar Stadium.

SF TEEN

At your places you will find the March 1994 issue of SF Teen, which is written, edited, photographed and managed by a talented group of teens representing a cross section of the City.

GENERAL MANAGER'S VACATION

I will be away from the office on vacation, March 21 through March 30. During my absence, Phil Arnold will serve as Acting General Manager.

SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS

The following claims, under $5,000, were settled by the City Attorney's Office during the month of February 1994:

Duffy, Paul	$ 3,398.94	Miccio, Sandra	206.55
Troung, Minh	3,497.82	Hernandez, Robert	1,040.12

3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)

DATES TO REMEMBER

Sunday, March 20, 1994	Japanese Tea Garden 100th Anniversary Celebration; 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.; Japanese Tea Garden
Tuesday, March 22, 1994	Reception at Queen Wilhelmina Tulip Garden, Golden Gate Park; 2:00 p.m.
Wednesday, March 23, 1994	Recreation Program Committee; 3:30 p.m.; St. Mary's Recreation Center, Justin & Murray Streets
Tuesday, April 5, 1994	Parks and Planning Committee; 4:00 p.m.; McLaren Lodge
Wednesday, April 6, 1994	Joint Zoo Committee Meeting; 4:30 p.m. tour, 5:00 p.m. meeting; Education Classroom, San Francisco Zoo
Thursday, April 7, 1994	Finance and Candlestick Committee; 4:00 p.m.; McLaren Lodge
Wednesday, April 20 through Sunday, April 24, 1994	San Francisco Landscape Garden Show; Fort Mason Center

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters listed hereunder constitute a Consent Calendar, are considered to be routine by the Recreation and Park Commission and will be acted upon by a single roll call vote of the Commission. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member so requests, in which event the matter shall be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered as a separate item.

On motion of Commissioner Chan, seconded by Commissioner Rovetti, the following resolutions were adopted:

a. PERSONNEL MATTERS — RES. NO. 16844

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies the actions taken by the General Manager regarding personnel matters during the period February 3, 1994 through March 1, 1994.

b. GOLDEN GATE PARK
GOLDEN GATE PARK MASTER PLAN
CONTRACT MODIFICATION — RES. NO. 16845

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the contract modification to Royston Hanamoto Alley and Abey to extend the contract term to August 31, 1995.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR (Continued)

c. RECREATION DIVISION — RES. NO. 16846
RANDALL MUSEUM
OVERNIGHT OUTINGS

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the overnight outings from the Randall Museum to Camp Mather on July 5-9, 1994 and August 1-5, 1994.

d. ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS — RES. NO. 16847

RESOLVED, That this Commission accepts the following gifts valued at $1,400.00, for the Recreation and Park Department:

1. From Cathy Holtz, orchids, valued at $900.00, for the Conservatory of Flowers.

2. From John Barnes, orchid plants and seedlings, ferns and bromelaids, valued at $500.00, for the Conservatory of Flowers.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That appropriate letters of thanks shall be sent to the donors.

e. SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS — RES. NO. 16848
ANIMAL TRANSACTIONS

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies the following animal transactions (processed under Resolution No. 13572) for the San Francisco Zoological Gardens:

PURCHASED FROM: Los Angeles Reptile and Amphibian
Los Angeles, CA
Six (6) sex unknown, millipedes

DONATED TO: David Yager
University of Maryland
College Park, MD 20742
Unknown quantities, Madagascar hissing cockroaches

GENERAL CALENDAR

5. GOLDEN GATE PARK PANHANDLE
DE-DESIGNATION AS PIGEON FEEDING AREA

Consideration to eliminate Golden Gate Park Panhandle as a designated pigeon feeding area.

Park Planner, Deborah Learner, explained that the Panhandle area is an established pigeon feeding area, but because of the number of pigeons at this site and its close proximity to buildings adjacent to the Panhandle, there has been a problem with an increasing amount of pigeon droppings on the buildings and in the area. As a consequence, a request has been made to de-designate this area as a pigeon feeding site. Although it was originally intended as a pigeon feeding area, it was never intended to result in a conflict with the City's Health Department regulations. There have been cases of property owners in buildings adjacent to the Panhandle being cited by the Health Department because of pigeon droppings. The Parks and Planning Committee recommended approval of this item and staff also recommended de-designating this site in the park.

5. GOLDEN GATE PARK PANHANDLE
DE-DESIGNATION AS PIGEON FEEDING AREA (Continued)

Virginia Handley, representing the Fund for Animals, said she was formerly a member of the Animal Control Commission, and was aware of the pigeon issue. She has been trying to get a substance called "Ornitrol", a pigeon birth control commissioned by the Health Department. She said people feed pigeons so they will not starve rather than a desire to increase the bird population. She felt that de-designating this area as a bird feeding area will increase the problem because the birds will spread around to find food and sit on more buildings. The pigeons will not disappear and will continue to reproduce. She felt that there are deterrents to keep pigeons off buildings such as banging pans when they land, hosing down the pigeons, placing owls on the roof and spikes. She said that the pigeons are not a health hazard. She urged the Commission to ask the Health Department to approve "Ornitrol" as a humane alternative for pigeon control.

James Smith, explained that he attended a meeting of the Animal Control Commission which recommended that the Recreation and Park Department defer taking action on this item. He explained that he feeds grain to the pigeons and has fed birds in Golden Gate Park for 12 years. He did not think the birds created a health problem and said that he has trained the birds to come to the Panhandle to eat. He enjoyed feeding birds in the Panhandle and feeds them once a day. He did not think he was damaging anybody's property and said there are effective deterrents to pigeons such as the placement of owls. He wanted to continue to feed the pigeons and said that discontinuing the bird feeding will result in dead birds. He asked the Commission to not approve this request and said there is no food source for these birds.

Alice Stritzell, has lived in a flat near the Panhandle for 31 years and never had pigeons in the area. Last year, an influx of pigeons came to the area and now roost on the ledge of the building where she lives. There is a great deal of pigeon droppings on the sidewalk and she finds it distasteful to view the droppings. She was not opposed to pigeons but felt there was a need to control this bird problem. She also made reference to Michael Kagan who shot and killed Buck Naked in the Panhandle over a pigeon feeding issue. Property owners are trying to maintain the apartment buildings but are struggling to keep them clean because of the pigeon droppings.

Valerie Pope, a resident of the Panhandle, explained that the pigeons have roosted in her gutter. She has been forced to replace her gutters which required scaffolding the side of the building at a cost of $1500. The droppings have eaten all the way through the gutters. She said that pigeons cause an enormous amount of damage to the buildings and the influx of them has been overwhelming in the past few years. She hoped the Commission would ban the feeding and noted that there is no longer grass in the area where the pigeons are fed because of droppings. She said the pigeon droppings are dangerous to people's health and that the pigeons will not starve if they are not fed grain as they eat anything.

5. **GOLDEN GATE PARK PANHANDLE**
DE-DESIGNATION AS PIGEON FEEDING AREA (Continued)

Ben Abarca, explained that he has heard about pigeon control methods described by previous speakers such as banging pots and pans or spraying the pigeons with water, but such methods require individuals to be home all the time. He has seen owls on top of a building with a pigeon nest next to the owl. He said that pigeons will not starve because they are scavengers. Most of the people in the Panhandle area own their own homes and have an investment in them. He owns a Victorian building and has recently renovated it. He paid a costly bill to repair damage from pigeons roosting underneath his eaves. He heard that a memorandum was issued by the Recreation and Park Department which informed employees to not touch or clean up dry pigeon droppings and that this is an indication that the droppings present a health problem.

President Immendorf said the Commission is not advocating the killing of pigeons but rather was considerinh that de-designating one area in Golden Gate Park from the list of feeding areas. There are other bird feeding areas in the park. He noted that two City agencies seem to be working against each other - Public Health citing building owners for damage caused by pigeons while Recreation and Park authorizes this site as a pigeon feeding area. The Commission is trying to be understanding of the community.

In response to Commissioner Sommer's question, **Assistant General Manager for Administration, Phil Arnold,** explained that "Ornitrol" was tested at the Zoo to decrease the pigeon population. One of the problems with the use of this item was how to control the intake since the the material is spread over an area. There is the assumption that a certain amount will be consumed. The Zoo was unable to devise a method to control the amount of intake and found that the population did not decrease.

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Chan, seconded by Commissioner Rovetti, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16849

RESOLVED, That this Commission eliminates the Golden Gate Park Panhandle as a designated pigeon feeding area.

6. **GOLDEN GATE PARK**
GREAT HIGHWAY
BAY TO BREAKERS RACE

Approval of road closure in Golden Gate Park and the Great Highway for the 83rd Annual Examiner Bay to Breakers race on Sunday, May 15, 1994, from 7:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.

This item was removed from the Calendar.

7. **GOLDEN GATE PARK**
SPECIAL EVENT PARKING
BAY TO BREAKERS RACE

Approval of a permit for special event parking during the 83rd Annual Examiner Bay to Breakers race on Sunday, May 15, 1994, with a parking fee of $5.00.

This item was removed from the Calendar.

8. **GOLDEN GATE PARK**
PARK POLICE STATION AND PARK POLICE STABLES
AWARD OF CONTRACT

Approval of award of contract for rehabilitation of the Park Police Station and Park Police Stables in Golden Gate Park.

Park Planner, Deborah Learner, explained that this item was brought before the Finance and Administration Committee and there are two issues. First, the low bidder submitted a bid that did not include all items in the work scope and filed a "Notice of Withdrawal" too late. Therefore the City, legally, has the right to retain the bidder's bond. The second issue is whether or not this award of contract should be considered by the Recreation and Park Commission. Ms. Learner explained that the Bureau of Architecture was advised by the City Attorney's Office that this project should properly be brought before the Commission for the approval of the award of the contract. Ms. Learner clarified the point that staff was recommending approval of the award of contract to the first or second low bid.

Edward Lopez, representing the Bureau of Architecture, explained that the apparent low bid did not include the electrical and mechanical work of the contract. The Department of Public Works has been advised that legally the low bidder must deny the award of the bid and then the City may retain his $140,000 bond. Once this process is completed, the contract can be awarded to the second low bid. He asked the Commission to approve the award of the contract to the low bid or the second low bid.

In response to Vice President Mazzola's question, Mr. Lopez explained that the City has asked the low bid to submit evidence that he made a legitimate mistake in omitting portions of the bid. The City has given the bidder two opportunities to respond to the Department of Public Works that he made an error in the bid. Legally, the City must give the low bidder the option of completing the scope of work.

A discussion ensued regarding this issue and how unfair it was to other contractors who properly bid the contract. Vice President Mazzola thought it was improper to allow someone to bid on the contract who may be defrauding the City and by such action penalize the next contractor who bid the job correctly.

Ms. Learner said the item before the Commission is to approve the award not specifying the bidder. If the bid is awarded to the low bid, the City will have inspectors to ensure that the job is being done properly.

On motion of Commissioner Mazzola, seconded by Commissioner Ruiz, the Commission tabled this issue.

9. **GOLDEN GATE PARK**
LITTLE SPEEDWAY MEADOW
GOLDEN GATE PARK STABLES

Approval of new arena space at the east end of Little Speedway Meadow for the Golden Gate Park Stables concession.

Assistant General Manager for Administration, Phil Arnold, explained that Little Speedway Meadow, which is west of the Polo Field, in Golden Gate Park, has been proposed by staff as a new arena space for the Golden Gate Park Stables concession. The site was selected by the Department's Park Planner, Deborah Learner; Area Supervisor for Golden Gate Park, Jon Huttinger, the Property Management Section; a representative of the current concessionaire and a Stables' boarder representative. Many sites were considered as alternate locations for an additional arena space. This site was chosen because of the concern expressed by members of the public that Bercut Equitation Field should not be included in the Golden Gated Park Stables bid package. Staff is asking that this area in Golden Gate Park be designated as the new arena space for use by the Golden Gate Park Stables concessionaire.

Although staff does not have any formal surveys of the use of this area, it is presently used as a lounging and picnic area. The meadow is quite long and more activities occur near Chain of Lakes Drive because it is close to a parking lot. However, this area in the park is used for recreational activities such as lounging, playing frisbee, etc., and is not considered an abandoned area in the park.

In response to Commissioner Rovetti's question, Mr. Arnold explained that the concessionaire will be responsible for funding the cost of the new arena.

Joe Dignan, representing the Golden Gate Park Stables, said that the designation of this area in the park for an arena is a wonderful idea because Little Speedway Meadow is close to the central stable area and it is easier to get lesson groups back and forth from the main arena.

Shay Morris, representing the Golden Gate Park Stables, agreed with the comments made by Mr. Dignan. She said it was a wonderful solution to the problem of needing more arena space. She felt the location was much more preferable to Bercut Equitation Field because it is a quiet area. She urged the Commission to approve this item.

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Farrow, seconded by Commissioner Sommer, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16851

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the new arena space at the east end of Little Speedway Meadow for the Golden Gate Park Stables concession.

10. **GOLDEN GATE PARK**
BERCUT EQUITATION FIELD
GOLDEN GATE PARK STABLES

Substitution of an arena in Little Speedway Meadow for Bercut Equitation Field in the Golden Gate Park Stables request for proposal and proposed lease.

Assistant General Manager for Administration, Phil Arnold, explained that now that the Commission has designated Little Speedway Meadow as an arena for the Golden Gate Park Stables it must substitute this area from the bid package so that when staff talks to potential bidders they will understand that Bercut Equitation Field is not part of the bid, but, rather, the Little Speedway Meadow arena is the site.

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Chan, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16852

RESOLVED, That this Commission substitutes an arena in Little Speedway Meadow for Bercut Equitation Field in the Golden Gate Park Stables request for proposal and proposed lease.

11. **GOLDEN GATE PARK STABLES**
BOARDER'S HOLDING FEE

Approval of increase for Golden Gate Park Stables boarder's holding fee effective April 1, 1994.

Assistant General Manager for Administration, Phil Arnold, explained that when the new rate package for the Golden Gate Park Stables was considered by the Commission several months ago, it included a recommendation that the current holding fee of $50 a month be increased to $265 a month. The concept of the holding fee is that if one takes their horse outside of the Stables because of illness or the need to put the horse to pasture, the fee would be reduced. Staff feels that people are renting space in the Stables and that it is considered rental of space. The tenants feel it is unreasonable to charge them full rate when the horse is not there. Therefore, staff recommended that if the stall is occupied while the current tenant is gone, then the holding fee would drop to half of the proposed rate. However, if the stall is not occupied by a paying horse then the $265 holding fee would be charged. In either case, the stall holder (the tenant) would not be allowed to sublet the stall; the concessionaire would be the agent to sublease the stall. Mr. Arnold further noted that letters have been received in opposition to the holding fee.

Connie Fox, a boarder at the Golden Gate Park Stables, felt the holding fee was grossly inequitable and that it was wrong to have the boarder pay full board while a subtenant can move into a stall and pay a fee. She said this arrangement benefits the concessionaire. She felt that a holding fee at the rate of $50 or less for a six month time period, while the subtenant was paying full rent, was reasonable. She further felt that the $2.00 per day food allowance was quite low and did not cover the cost of food and bedding.

11. GOLDEN GATE PARK STABLES
BOARDER'S HOLDING FEE (Continued)

Shay Morris, representing the Golden Gate Park Stables, said that the purpose of the holding fee is to guarantee one's right to come back. She noted that when somebody rents an apartment and goes on vacation, the landlord does not discount the rent. She said that there is a need for these stalls and people want to use them.

Mr. Arnold clarified the point that the concessionaire suggested the $2.00 per day rate for food and bedding.

In response to Commissioner Sommer's question, **Polly Dignan, representing the Golden Gate Park Stables concessionaire,** explained that generally the horses are gone for a month or two. Sometimes the horse will be gone for extended periods if it is lame or needs to be in a pasture resting.

On motion of Commissioner Rovetti, seconded by Commissioner Chan, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16852

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the increase for Golden Gate Park Stables boarder's holding fee effective April 1, 1994, as follows:

Cost to Holder	Uses Made of Stall
$265	Stall kept vacant
$132	Stall occupied by temporary border paying full rate of $325 or proration thereof

12. MISSION DISTRICT OPEN SPACE TASK FORCE
PRESENTATION

Presentation of the findings of the Mission District Open Space Task Force.

Commissioner Santiago Ruiz, explained that this particular matter does not require action by the Commission and it is presented for informational purposes only. He thanked Mary Burns and Phil Arnold and Commissioner Toby Levine (City Planning Commission) for their assistance in the Mission District Open Space Task Force meetings.

A report was submitted to the Commission and a mission statement was developed. A series of meetings was held and the Task Force looked at the needs of the Mission District as it relates to open space and recreation activities. The Task Force also considered that there is serious underfunding for recreation programs throughout the City and in particular the Mission District. The Task Force outlined what it considered to be both long term and short term needs and developed a list of issues and projects to be considered for funding under the City's Open Space Program. The Task Force emphasized areas that need inter-departmental cooperation and is working toward these goals. Commissioner Ruiz explained that the report is self explanatory and outlines the priorities and needs for the Mission District. He hoped that the report would be shared with members of the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor's Office.

12. MISSION DISTRICT OPEN SPACE TASK FORCE
PRESENTATION (Continued

Andy Solow, explained that one of the biggest problems he has encountered with the Open Space Program is the laborious process of public hearings. He has attended 12 public hearings on the issue of a soccer field at Dolores Park and felt that the process is invented as it goes along. He said that there was a 9 month time period of requesting a public hearing on the renovation of the Jose Coronado Playground. He said that one of the Recreation and Park Department staff took actions that were contrary to the outcome of a public hearing. He felt there was a need to streamline the open space process and personally did not have any confidence in it.

Assistant General Manager for Administration, Phil Arnold, explained that the report identifies the group ages 19-29 as a major population group in the Mission. The Open Space Program staff will consider the needs of such population groups in future meetings.

Commissioner Sommer said that there have been a number of community meetings on the Dolores Park Soccer Field issue because the parameters described by the community keep changing.

In response to Commissioner Rovetti's question, Mr. Arnold explained that there are at least 4 different alternate layouts for the playground. Commissioner Rovetti explained that he was a former soccer player and understood the needs of the game of soccer.

13. GOLDEN GATE PARK
PON & HOM FOOD CONCESSIONAIRE
EXTENSION OF LEASE

Approval of one year lease extension to Pon and Hom food concessionaire, effective September 30, 1994 - September 29, 1995.

Assistant General Manager for Administration, Phil Arnold, explained that Pon and Hom concessionaire has been associated with the Department for some time. There have been problems with this concessionaire in the past. A few years ago, a settlement was reached with them over claims that had been filed by both the concessionaire and the Department. The settlement provided that Pon and Hom would receive a 2 year extension to their lease with a one year option at the Commission's discretion in return for giving up certain concession rights in Golden Gate Park. Since that settlement, the concessionaire has performed as promised and has improved the appearance of the concession stand behind the Bandshell in the Music Concourse area of Golden Gate Park. Pon and Hom has moved its concession stand out of the way of construction of the Bandshell and continues to meet its financial obligation to the Department. Staff recommended approving a one year option to their lease. If that option is approved, the percentage rent will increase by 2%, giving the Department 25% of revenues.

13. **GOLDEN GATE PARK**
PON & HOM FOOD CONCESSIONAIRE
EXTENSION OF LEASE (Continued)

Staff does not like the appearance of the food trucks, nor do the institutions in the park. The food trucks have all of the cash register equipment which the Department required the concessionaire to install as a result of one of the past audits. Staff plans to move away from the mobile trucks and use push carts which are more attractive and fit better with the Music Concourse. However, staff would like to do that in concert with the Museums, the Academy of Sciences and the Friends of Recreation and Parks. The change also needs to take place in the context of the Golden Gate Park Master Plan which is now being developed and upon completion of the construction of the Bandshell.

In response to President Immendorf's question, Mr. Arnold explained that the mobile food stands are identified with a sign that says Golden Gate Park although there was no requirement to paint them green. There have been many proposals to repaint the stands white, or green, or to even place a mural on one of them. There is also an issue regarding accessibility. Mr. Dennis Chan of the Property Management Division contacted the State Architect who informed him that mobile concessions have different standards for disabled access than fixed concessions.

Commissioner Rovetti said the mobile stands are unsightly and do not belong in the Music Concourse area.

Mr. Arnold concurred with the statement made by Commissioner Rovetti but said the issue is whether the Department should consider changing the food trucks at this time. He felt that it was wise to extend the lease for one year so that staff will have time to consider the many issues previously discussed.

On recommendation of the Finance and Administration Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Mazzola, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16853

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the one year lease extension to Pon and Hom food concessionaire, effective September 30, 1994 - September 29, 1995.

14. **CANDLESTICK PARK**
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS/SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS
FOOD AND BEVERAGE INCREASES

Consideration to increase food and beverage items for the 1994 baseball and football season.

Assistant General Manager for Administration, Phil Arnold, explained that initially staff recommended a reduction of 16 items that were slated for increase. The basis for making that recommendation was that the comparable prices submitted by Volume Services, the concessionaire at Candlestick Park, indicated that the prices being requested were higher than comparable prices they submitted. The Commission's responsibility is to review and approve prices charged at Candlestick Park but that approval cannot be unreasonably withheld.

14. CANDLESTICK PARK
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS/SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS
FOOD AND BEVERAGE INCREASES (Continued)

In the past, the Commission has viewed unreasonable by what is charged at other stadiums. Volume Services provided a list of comparables. Two separate survey were done and the first one did not include Yankee Stadium. The first survey included rates charged at the Cow Palace, Oakland and Los Angeles Coliseums, Los Angeles Forum and San Jose Arena. Yankee Stadium charges higher prices for some of the food/beverage items.

At the Committee level, Volume Services presented evidence that what they had said were comparables truly were not due to size, appearance or quality. For example, the issue of size applied to french fries, sour dough chili, Chinese chicken salad, clam chowder, and pizza slice, as these items offered at Candlestick Park are larger in weight or volume. There are several issues relating to what is comparable or reasonable. There are a few items that are proposed for a greater price than what is charged at other stadiums. Those items are the malt cup, fruit bar, helmet sundae, and peanuts.

Jack Bair, Director of Legal and Government Affairs for the San Francisco Giants, explained that the 49ers are not present but support the price increase. He urged the Commission to support the price increase as well and stressed that food and beverages can be brought into Candlestick Park which is not true for all stadiums.

Marcia Smolens, representing Volume Services, explained that the price adjustments for this year are part of an entire food and beverage program and package at Candlestick Park. The cost includes increased labor costs and the capital improvements. The one major change that the customer said occurred at Candlestick Park last year was the better quality in food service. Volume Services has made improvements to benefit the customer.

Greg Johnson, representing Volume Services, explained that people are not required to purchase food at Candlestick Park. He said that they plan to introduce an item called a Value Meal which will give a small size hot dog, a small drink and small bag of peanuts for $3.50. Volume Services continues to add a large amount of new products. They have experienced increased labor costs and inflation costs. He said the pricing is designed to provide additional revenue to the 49ers and Giants. He noted that some of the comparables are 1993 prices rather than 1994 prices and show disparity.

In response to Commissioner Ruiz's question, Mr. Arnold said that one of the amendments to the 49ers lease provided an increase in the Stadium Operator Admission Tax in exchange for the City giving the 49ers the concession rights.

Vice President Mazzola was prepared to approve the price increase request and was pleased that a value meal was being offered for children. He hoped that Volume Services would continue to consider the prices charged for food items for children and to keep them at a reasonable level.

14. CANDLESTICK PARK
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS/SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS
FOOD AND BEVERAGE INCREASES (Continued)

Commissioner Sommer felt it was a mistake to raise prices at this time since the Commission just approved an increase in parking and ticket prices for baseball. Families pay for all of the increased prices and even though one does not have to purchase these items, part of the enjoyment of a baseball game is having a hot dog. She felt that she had an obligation to consider the fees being charged to the public and was opposed to the increases.

On recommendation of the Finance and Candlestick Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Mazzola, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16853

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves an increase in the following food and beverage items for the 1994 baseball and football season:

ITEM	SIZE	Current Price	Approved Price
SOFT DRINKS			
Soft Drink	12 oz.	$1.25	No Change
Soft Drink	16 oz.	1.75	2.00
Soft Drink	24 oz.	2.50	2.75
Soft Drink - Souvenir Cup	30 oz.	3.00	3.25
HOT DRINKS			
Hot Drink	12 oz.	1.25	No Change
Hot Drink	18 oz.	1.75	No Change
IMPORT AND SPECIALTY BEER			
Import/Micro Bottled Beer		4.25	4.50
Domestic/Non Alcohol Beer	12 oz.	3.50	3.75
Import/Micro Draft	16 oz.	4.75	5.25
DRAFT BEER			
Draft Beer	14 oz.	3.50	3.75
Draft Beer	20 oz.	4.25	4.50
Draft Beer - Souvenir Cup	20 oz.	4.75	5.00
WINE			
Wine Cooler		3.00	3.50
Wine	10 oz.	3.00	3.50
COCKTAILS			
Bar - Hot Cup	16 oz.	4.75	No Change
Bar - Clear	8 oz.	4.50	No Change
Bar - Logo	8 oz.	5.00	No Change
HOT DOGS AND SAUSAGES			
10-1 Kiddie Dog	1.8 oz.	New Item	1.25
6-1 Hot Dog	2.7 oz.	2.00	2.50
4-1 Hot Dog	4.0 oz.	2.75	3.25
5-1 Turkey Dog		2.00	2.25
6-1 Polish Sausage		3.00	3.25
6-1 Hot Link		3.00	3.50
4-1 Gourmet Sausage		3.25	3.50
VALUE MEAL			
Hot Dog, Drink and Peanuts		4.50	3.50

14. CANDLESTICK PARK
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS/SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS
FOOD AND BEVERAGE INCREASES (Continued)

RES. NO. 16853
(Continued)

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves an increase in the following food and beverage items for the 1994 baseball and football season:

ITEM	SIZE	Current Price	Approved Price
ICE CREAM AND NOVELTIES			
Frozen Yogurt Cone		$1.50	$1.75
Malt Cup		2.00	2.25
Drumstick		2.00	2.25
Fruit Bar		2.00	2.25
Dreyers Ice Cream		2.50	2.75
Helmet Sundae		3.00	3.25
Dove Bar		3.50	No Change
Fudgecycle		1.50	No Change
Ice Cream Cup		2.00	No Change
Vanilla Raspberry Swirl		3.00	No Change
NACHOS			
Nachos		2.75	No Change
Nachos Grande		4.50	No Change
Cheese Cup	4 oz.	.50	No Change
PEANUTS			
Peanuts	3 oz.	1.25	1.50
Peanuts	8 oz.	3.25	3.50
No-Salt Peanuts		1.75	No Change
POPCORN AND SOFT PRETZELS			
Popcorn	32 oz.	1.50	2.00
Popcorn	85 oz.	2.75	3.00
Soft Pretzel		1.75	2.00
SPECIALTY SANDWICHES			
Chicken Sandwich		3.50	3.75
Garlic Clove Chicken		4.75	5.25
3-1 Hamburger		2.75	3.25
Vegetarian Burger		3.50	3.75
Hot Sandwich		4.75	5.25
FRENCH FRIES AND BAKED POTATOES			
Regular French Fries		2.50	2.75
Baked Potato		3.00	3.25
Potato Chips		2.00	No Change
SOUPS AND SALADS			
Sourdough Bowl/Chili		5.00	5.25
Chinese Chicken Salad		5.00	5.25
Clam Chowder Bread Bowl		4.00	4.50
Seafood Salad in Bread Bowl		7.00	7.25
Shrimp Cocktail		6.00	6.25
Salada Salmagundi		5.50	No Change
Hot Soups Salmagundi		3.50	No Change

14. CANDLESTICK PARK
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS/SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS
FOOD AND BEVERAGE INCREASES (Continued)

RES. NO. 16853
(Continued)

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves an increase in the following food and beverage items for the 1994 baseball and football season:

ITEM	SIZE	Current Price	Approved Price
OTHER SPECIALTY FOOD ITEMS			
Combo Plate		8.00	8.25
Crab Cocktail		6.00	6.25
Crabcakes		7.00	7.25
Fried Vegetables		3.50	3.75
Fruit & Cheese Plate		7.00	7.25
Shrimp - Breaded		8.00	8.25
Churros		1.50	No Change
Chicken Chow Mein		5.50	No Change
Nacho Grande Compadres		4.75	No Change
Chicken Chimichanga		4.00	No Change
Dim Sum Plate		7.00	No Change
Giant Burrito		4.75	5.25
Five Layer Dip		4.75	No Change
Taco Salad		5.75	No Change
Egg Rolls		1.75	2.00
Classic Sub		4.75	No Change
Chili Cheese Dog		3.50	No Change
Vegetable Chow Mein		4.50	No Change
Chili Bowl		5.00	No Change
BBQ Pork Buns		2.75	No Change
Fried Won Ton		3.50	No Change
Chili Chicken Wings		4.50	No Change
Guacamole		1.50	No Change
Seafood Taquito		4.50	No Change
Beef Taco Tray		3.75	No Change
Sliced Pizza		3.75	No Change
CAKES, COOKIES AND CANDY			
Cakes		5.50	No Change
Chocolate Chip Cookies		2.75	No Change
Eclaire		2.75	No Change
Gourmet Cheesecake		2.75	No Change
Red Rope/Candy		1.50	1.75
Gourmet Cookies (Two Pack)		2.75	3.00
Cracker Jacks		1.75	No Change
Cotton Candy	Small	2.00	No Change
Cotton Candy	Large	3.00	No Change
Biscotti		1.25	No Change
Cookie - Salmagundi		1.25	No Change
Pastries & Cookies Oh La La		1.75	2.00
Double Chocolate Brownie		2.00	2.00
Crunch Bar		2.50	No Change

14. CANDLESTICK PARK
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS/SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS
FOOD AND BEVERAGE INCREASES (Continued)

RES. NO. 16853
(Continued)

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves an increase in the following food and beverage items for the 1994 baseball and football season:

ITEM	SIZE	Current Price	Approved Price
SPECIALTY BEVERAGES AND JUICES			
Milk	12 oz.	1.50	No Change
Bottled Water		2.00	2.50
Apple Juice Box		3.00	No Change
Berry Juice		3.00	No Change
Canadian		3.00	No Change
Crystal Geyser Mineral Water		3.00	No Change
Odwal Juice		3.00	No Change
Odwal Lemonade		3.00	No Change
Orange Juice		3.00	No Change
Cran Berry Juice		3.00	No Change
Cafe Mocha		3.00	No Change
Cappuccino		3.00	No Change
Gourmet Coffee		1.75	2.00
Cafe Latte		3.00	No Change
Hot Cider - Salmagundi		3.00	No Change
Sno Cap		3.00	No Change
Mexican Hot Chocolate		2.00	No Change
Coffee - Salmagundi		2.00	No Change

Approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Farrow, Immendorf, Mazzola, Rovetti
Noes: Commissioners Ruiz, Sommer

15. CANDLESTICK PARK
EXTERIOR SIGNAGE/ADVERTISING

Approval of exterior signage including advertising at Candlestick Park.

Assistant General Manager for Administration, Phil Arnold, explained that this item is tied into the Sony Scoreboard amendment. Last December, the Commission approved the concept of additional signage for the Sony Scoreboard Agreement. In 1991, the Commission approved the placement of exterior gate signage but is required to approve each individual sign under the terms of the Sony Scoreboard Agreement.

At the Committee level, there was testimony that there is a master plan for signage at Candlestick Park. A suggestion was made that all of the exterior signage should coincide with the Master Plan. Staff has spoken with the person who sells advertising space for Sony and they have agreed to make sure that the advertising conforms with the Master Plan signage.

15. CANDLESTICK PARK
EXTERIOR SIGNAGE/ADVERTISING (Continued)

Mr. Arnold requested approval to place three 100 square foot gate signs at Plaza A, Plaza E and Plaza F. The secondary issue which is a more substantial policy issue for the Commission is whether two large information signs including commercial advertising, that are 800 square feet, should be placed at the entry ways to the parking lot at Candlestick Park. These signs are not part of the Sony agreement although they are included in the amendment to the Sony agreement. These larger signs would require approval from the City Planning Commission. The signs are quite tall and would be placed on 40' poles. They are not visible from the freeways but will greet the patrons to Candlestick Park.

This issue raises many questions regarding commercial advertising on park property. At the Committee level, the point was made that if the 2 large signs were approved, it would be approved recognizing that Candlestick Park is a very different facility from anything else Recreation and Park operates. Candlestick Park is a commercial sports enterprise whose primary purpose is to exhibit football/baseball events and there is a separate allowance for commercial signage inside Candlestick Park in the City's Planning Code. However, the signs outside the stadium are not covered in the Planning Code. Mr. Arnold stressed, once again, that approval of these signs should not be considered a precedent and is an exception because of the unique nature of Candlestick Park.

In response to Commissioner Sommer's question, Mr. Arnold explained that this Commission has previously approved the prohibition of advertising for tobacco but has not prohibited the advertising of the sale of alcohol. He said that the Commission should not assume that the sale of alcohol will not be on these signs.

On recommendation of the Finance and Candlestick Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Mazzola, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16855

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the proposed signage at Candlestick Park entry gates A, E and F under the provisions of the Sony Scoreboard Agreement, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the proposed message signs at the entry gates to the Candlestick Park parking lot as a specific exception to the general policy of discouraging commercial advertising on park property. This exception is based on the fact that Candlestick Park is a stadium used primarily for paid sporting events and is therefore inherently different from other public parks, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That this Commission shall request the City Planning Commission to approve an amendment to the Planning Code which would allow the installation of message signs at the entry gates to the Candlestick Park parking lot.

15a. **SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS**
BANNERS

Approval to install banners on Herbst Road, adjacent to the San Francisco Zoological Gardens.

Zoo Director, David Anderson, explained that permission is requested to install banners on Herbst Boulevard adjacent to the Zoo. Two sets of banners will be installed, one on Sloat Boulevard and one on Herbst Road. Sloat Boulevard is under the jurisdiction of the Department of Public Works (DPW) and the Zoo has already received permission and processed permits from DPW to place the banners on Sloat Boulevard. Mr. Anderson requested approval to place 36" x 72" canvas banners on Herbst Road. The banners are 14' off the street and will come with a year round maintenance.

On recommendation of the Joint Zoo Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Chan, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16856

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the installation of banners on Herbst Road, adjacent to the San Francisco Zoological Gardens.

15b. **CANDLESTICK PARK**
SONY SCOREBOARD AGREEMENT
SECOND AMENDMENT

Approval of the final language to the second amendment to the Sony Scoreboard Agreement.

Assistant General Manager for Administration, Phil Arnold, explained that the Commission approved the second amendment to the Sony Scoreboard Agreement in December but that the Commission needed to approve the actual language. The language calls for increases in the maintenance expense for the scoreboard, and the allowance for merchandising expenses to reflect actual and projected experience. The second amendment extends the Sony Scoreboard agreement to March 31, 2001. The extension of the agreement will give the City $1 Million in the final year; the City currently receives approximately $300,000 a year. The new scoreboard is supposed to have a ten year lifespan and will be paid off in six years.

On motion of Commissioner Sommer, seconded by Commissioner Mazzola, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16857

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the final language of the second amendment to the Sony Scoreboard Agreement.

4:00 p.m. to 4:10 p.m. the Commission convened in Executive Session.

16. SETTLEMENT OF CLAIM

Approval of the proposed settlement of the litigated claim of Margaret Barry in the amount of $25,000.

On recommendation of the Finance and Candlestick Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Rovetti, seconded by Commissioner Ruiz, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16858

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the proposed settlement of the litigated claim of Margaret Barry in the amount of $25,000.

Approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Farrow, Mazzola, Rovetti, Ruiz, Sommer
Absent: Commissioners Immendorf

17. SETTLEMENT OF CLAIM

Approval of the proposed settlement of the litigated claim of Chloe Lipton in the amount of $10,000.

On recommendation of the Finance and Candlestick Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Rovetti, seconded by Commissioner Chan, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16859

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the proposed settlement of the litigated claim of Chloe Lipton in the amount of $10,000, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the other claims of the parties to this action not be settled.

Approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Farrow, Immendorf, Mazzola, Rovetti, Ruiz
Noes: Commissioners Sommer

18. PUBLIC COMMENT

Barbara Hobie, representing Magic Skates, discussed David Miles and Golden Gate Skate Patrol. She reference a magazine that listed activities that Mr. Miles will be conducting in Golden Gate Park and said he continues to promote his business at 6th Avenue and John F. Kennedy Drive every Sunday. She said that Mr. Miles distributes flyers in the park and when she contacted the Police Department for assistance she was referred to the Recreation and Park Department. She wanted to be afforded the same treatment that is given to Mr. Miles and to use a sound system to promote her business. She explained that she is harassed by Mr. Miles.

18. PUBLIC COMMENT (Continued)

General Manager, **Mary E. Burns**, explained that Mr. Miles is able to distribute flyers as it is a right protected by the First Amendment. If a table is set up to distribute flyers or more than 25 people plan to distribute flyers, then a permit is required. In the 1970s the Commission took action and established the Golden Gate Park Skate Patrol which allowed Mr. Miles to operate in the park. Mr. Miles has been informed that he does not have a permit for a sound system. However, the Police Department feels the decibel level of the sound system does not actually constitute a sound system and therefore they will not enforce that as a violation. Ms. Burns further explained that the Police Department has had undercover agents visit the site and has not found Mr. Miles selling or conducting a business in the park.

President Immendorf suggested that the rollerskating issue be calendared for a future meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission.

Jim B. Clarke, representing the Golden Gate Park Tennis Club, and was present to inform the Commission that they will be celebrating the 100 anniversary of the establishment of tennis courts in Golden Gate Park. They plan on having activities year round and will kick off the celebration on Saturday, May 14, 1994. He asked the Commission to lend its public support to the year long celebration and wanted to be given permission to use additional tennis courts for the celebration.

Ms. Burns suggested that he contact Department staff regarding reserving tennis courts for the event.

Al Cavey, representing the Harbor Tenants Association, said he was concerned whether fellow commissioners were receiving adequate information from Committee meetings. He said the Action Calendar for the Golf, Yacht Harbor Committee are not detailed and referenced a 2/7/94 Action Calendar that only listed one person addressing the Committee. He said the considerable public comment was taken at that meeting that are not reflected in the Action Calendar. He did not understand why all of the comments made by the public were not listed on the Action Calendar.

Commission Secretary Shauna Marie Rose, explained that the Commission does not take minutes of Committee meetings. When people testify on a specific item, the comments of each person are not listed on the Action Calendar. However, if somebody speaks under the item entitled Public Comment, the person's name and subject matter are noted for the record.

In response to Commissioner Mazzola's question, Ms. Rose explained that minutes are not taken of Committee meetings due to lack of staff. Ms. Burns further explained that generally speaking the chair of the Committee will characterize and inform fellow commissioners of the Committee meetings.

Mr. Cavey said he was concerned that perhaps 40 people spoke at a Committee meeting and the Action Calendar does not reference any of those speakers.

18. PUBLIC COMMENT (Continued)

Emeric Kalman, explained that the public may not know the procedures because they were never clearly explained. He said he did not understand the procedure himself. He further explained that a recent article in the Bay Guardian which wrote about the recent Sunshine Ordinance says that memos and other records intended for distribution to the Commission in connection with a matter to be discussed in public must be accessible upon request. He further explained that he has written letters and has not received a response from the Commission. He recently wrote a letter regarding the portable restrooms and wanted to know when he was going to receive a response to his letters. He asked for accountability for the Marina.

President Immendorf said that he read with interest Mr. Kalman's recent letter regarding portable restrooms and planned to respond to his letter. He further explained there is not sufficient staff to take minutes for all of the Committee meetings of the Recreation and Park Commission.

19. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Note: The President did not submit a report.

20. COMMISSION COMMITTEE REPORTS

The following Commission Committee reports were submitted for the record:

Joint Zoo Committee Meeting of February 2, 1994
Recreation Program Committee Meeting of February 23, 1994
Parks and Planning Committee Meeting of March 1, 1994
Finance and Candlestick Committee Meeting of March 3, 1994
Golf, Yacht Harbor and Camp Mather Committee Meeting of March 7, 1994

21. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Commissioner Sommer, the meeting was adjourned in memory of Zelma Buffin, mother of Greg Buffin on the Aquatics Division, who passed away recently.

On motion of Commissioner Immendorf, the meeting was adjourned in memory of Stella Mazzola, aunt of Commissioner Larry Mazzola, who passed away recently.

There being no further business, the 6915t Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shauna Marie Rose
Commission Secretary

Note: These minutes set forth all actions taken by the Recreation and Park Commission on matters stated, but not necessarily the chronological order in which the matters were taken up.

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RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION

MINUTES

692ND REGULAR MEETING

THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 1994 - 2:00 P.M.

The Six Hundred Ninety Second Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Thursday, April 21, 1994 at 2:00 p.m. by President Jack Immendorf.

1. ROLL CALL

Present
- Commissioner Jack Immendorf, President
- Commissioner Sidney Chan
- Commissioner Bella Farrow
- Commissioner Vincent J. Rovetti
- Commissioner Santiago Ruiz
- Commissioner Sue Sommer

Absent.
- Commissioner Larry Mazzola, Vice President

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Commissioner Ruiz, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 17, 1994, were approved as presented

3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

General Manager, Mary E. Burns, submitted the following report:

"BUDGET UPDATE

The Mayor's budget staff continues to ask us for additional information regarding our budget request for the 1994-95 fiscal year. Specifically, we have been asked to provide more information about program enhancements for the aquatics program, neighborhood parks improvements and private fundraising efforts for Golden Gate Park. We have also been asked to provide information on reductions in overtime expenditures and travel expenses. At the same time, there are strong indications that the General Fund support of $9.4 million on which our budget request was based may be reduced. No official word has been received, but the budget meeting scheduled with the Mayor on April 14 was canceled and has not been rescheduled. In addition, the Mayor's budget staff has imposed a freeze on hiring for the rest of the current fiscal year. Although we believe that the freeze will not apply to hiring for Camp Mather and the Workreation Program, all other requests to fill existing authorized positions have been denied.

3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)

GOLDEN GATE PARK STABLES

The bids for the Golden Gate Park Stables operation were originally due on April 14. However, we received several requests for information from prospective bidders which resulted in a clarification letter which was sent to all bidders regarding specific construction requirements. At the same time, the date to receive bids was extended to May 5 in order to allow bidders adequate time to adjust their proposals to the requirements contained in the clarification letter.

GRAND JURY REPORT - GOLF COURSES

We have received a report from the Grand Jury which again targets the golf operations at Harding and Sharp Park. Much of the report is a restatement of last year's Grand Jury report. There are no new recommendations in the report. Staff is now preparing a written response to the Grand Jury.

PACIFIC ROD AND GUN CLUB

The Pacific Rod and Gun Club has written to the Regional Water Quality Control Board outlining the steps they are taking to comply with the Board's order to discontinue use of lead shot and clay pigeons. The use of lead shot must be discontinued by October 1, 1994. The club has confirmed that they are researching alternatives to clay targets, but they have not been provided with a compliance date by the Board.

ZOO

Eagle Chicks: The Zoo's eagle breeding program has successfully hatched three chicks to date with more to come. The first chick to hatch this year has been placed in a foster nest on Catalina Island.

Black Rhino: We received a seven-year-old male black rhino from Potter Park in Lansing, Michigan. This is an important part of the international species survival program.

Ostrich: The Zoo received a male ostrich from Pittsburgh Zoo. He will be on public view after he clears quarantine.

Otter Exhibit: The grand opening of the new otter exhibit is planned for May 14, 1994. It will feature a fish feeder, rocks, plants, waterfalls and water slides for the otters to enjoy.

Ad Campaign: The Zoo is sporting a new look. The banners you approved have already been placed on Sloat Boulevard and Zoo Road leading into the Zoo. Also, a television ad campaign is underway that features children who share their impressions after having visited the Zoo. These ads should appear on television within the next month.

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

There are many volunteer activities occurring in our parks throughout the year. On one day alone last weekend, we had over 100 volunteers and Youth Service Corps workers at Mission Playground; Friends of McKinley Square picked up trash throughout the park, chopped down wild fennel weeds and spread woodchips on a path; and 180 people turned out to weed, spread chips, clear elm suckers and plant some magnolia trees in the AIDS Memorial Grove in Golden Gate Park.

This coming Saturday, 300 young people will celebrate Earth Day in Golden Gate Park by taking part in the fourth annual Youth Service Day. Middle and high school youth will be pulling weeds, clearing ivy and elm suckers, painting out graffiti and picking up trash throughout the Park. This event is sponsored by the Department in conjunction with the Volunteer Center, Youth Advisory Council, School Volunteers and Clean City Coalition.

3. **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)**

CAMP MATHER

In the last few years due to several years of drought, there has been a significant increase in the number of dead trees that have had to be removed or safety reasons In the past, the logs have usually been burned, which wastes a resource and is a concern in terms of air pollution Now, several parties have expressed an interest in buying the logs that are produced The Department expects to sell the logs to the highest bidder There will be a cost avoidance of $5,000-6,000 and revenue generated of approximately $4,000 We have received necessary approval by the State Department of Forestry

LANDSCAPE GARDEN SHOW

The Ninth Annual San Francisco Landscape Garden Show sponsored by Friends of Recreation and Parks will be held April 20-24, 1994, at Fort Mason This year's show, "A Fair to Remember," celebrates the 1894 California Midwinter Exposition, with many of the exhibits featuring design themes from the 1894 fair In addition to the garden exhibits, the show features a variety of activities, including a flower show, a marketplace, garden talks and a children's activity area The Landscape Garden Show attracts thousands of visitors and raises funds for special recreation and park projects It raises a significant amount of money for the Department each year

McATEER HIGH SCHOOL ECOLOGY PROGRAM

Recreation and Park Department staff has met with McAteer High School officials and teachers to initiate an ecology program using Glen Canyon Park as an outdoor classroom The proposal includes the incorporation of various aspects of the canyon ecology and history into the school curriculum in the form of class projects These projects would provide a valuable education for McAteer students as well as benefit the park by enhancing and restoring important habitat An example of a class project would be the establishment of a plant nursery on school property to propagate and cultivate native plants to be used in habitat restoration projects In addition, some of the native plant stock in the proposed nursery could be sold to residents near the canyon as further encouragement to avoid the planting of invasive, non-native plants These types of class projects will not only encourage a sense of stewardship and park pride among the students, but will also build a positive and long-lasting relationship with the neighboring community and the Department We are very excited about the collaboration The program was proposed by former Commissioner Luisa Ezquerro

PALACE OF FINE ARTS LAGOON

In his column of April 15, 1994, Herb Caen criticized the Recreation and Park Department for its poor maintenance of the lagoon at the Palace of Fine Arts For your information, a three-day volunteer clean-up of the lake has been planned with the Exploratorium this weekend Further, lake maintenance is a problem generally throughout the system due to budget cuts In addition, we have discontinued the use of chemicals we previously used out of environmental concern A copy of my response to Mr Caen's column is attached

CONSERVATORY OF FLOWERS ROSE HOUSE

Yesterday, the Landmarks Preservation Advisory Board approved the demolition of the Rose House out of concern for public safety and its dilapidated condition The Department will work with the Bureau of Architecture to schedule the demolition, and plans and specifications will be completed for the reconstruction of the Rose House A fundraising strategy will be developed to pay for the reconstruction

SF TEEN

At your places you will find the April 1994 issue of SF Teen, which is written, edited, photographed and managed by a talented group of teens representing a cross section of the City.

3. **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT** (Continued)

NEWSLETTER

At your places is the spring 1994 edition of Update, the newsletter published jointly by the Friends of Recreation and Parks and the Recreation and Park Department. Compliments are due to Robert Zinkhon, newsletter editor and member of the Friends Board. Appreciation also goes to Jessica McClintock, sponsor of this edition of the newsletter. The newsletter is distributed to members of the Friends and employees of the Department.

STRYBING ARBORETUM PLANT SALE

At your places you will find a brochure announcing Strybing Arboretum Society's 27th Annual Plant Sale on April 29 and 30, 1994, at the San Francisco County Fair Building. A members only preview sale is from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m., on Friday, April 29. The public sale is from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 30.

URBAN PARK AND RECREATION ALLIANCE

I will be attending the Urban Park and Recreation Alliance spring meeting in New York, May 2-7, 1994. During my absence, Phil Arnold will serve as Acting General Manager.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday, April 20 through Sunday, April 24, 1994	San Francisco Landscape Garden Show; Fort Mason Center
Wednesday, April 27, 1994	Recreation Program Committee; 3:30 p.m.; Louis Sutter Playground, University and Wayland
Thursday, April 28, 1994	Joint Meeting of Recreation and Park and City Planning Commissions; 1:30 p.m., Room 282, City Hall
Monday, May 2, 1994	Golf, Yacht Harbor and Camp Mather Committee, 3:00 p.m.; McLaren Lodge
Tuesday, May 3, 1994	Parks and Planning Committee; 4:00 p.m.; McLaren Lodge
Wednesday, May 4, 1994	Special Joint Zoo Committee Meeting, 5:00 p.m., Golden Gate Park Senior Center, 37th Avenue and Fulton
Thursday, May 5, 1994	Finance and Candlestick Committee; 3:00 p.m., McLaren Lodge

4. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

All matters listed hereunder constitute a Consent Calendar, are considered to be routine by the Recreation and Park Commission and will be acted upon by a single roll call vote of the Commission. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member so requests, in which event the matter shall be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered as a separate item.

On motion of Commissioner Sommer, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolutions were adopted

a. **PERSONNEL MATTERS** **RES. NO. 16860**

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies the actions taken by the General Manager regarding personnel matters during the period March 2, 1994 through April 1, 1994.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR (Continued)

b. COLERIDGE STREET MINI PARK — RES. NO. 16861
PARK CLOSURE FROM 10:00 P.M. TO 6:00 A.M.

RESOLVED, That this Commission grants approval to place signage to close Coleridge Street Mini Park from 10 00 p m to 6 00 a m

c. GLEN PARK RECREATION CENTER — RES. NO. 16862
GLEN CANYON
PARK CLOSURE FROM 10:00 P.M. TO 6:00 A.M.

RESOLVED, That this Commission grants approval to place signage to close Glen Park Recreation Center and Glen Canyon from 10 00 p m to 6 00 a m , events excluded

d. ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS — RES. NO. 16863

RESOLVED, That this Commission accepts a gift of $50 00 from Triad Orchid Society, for the Conservatory of Flowers, Golden Gate Park

e. RANDALL MUSEUM — RES. NO. 16864
MASTER PLAN FOR EXHIBITION PROGRAM

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the Randall Museum's Master Plan for exhibition program.

f. RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT — RES. NO. 16865
POLICY APPROVAL - VIOLENCE IN THE WORKPLACE

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the Recreation and Park Department's Policy prohibiting violence in the workplace as follows

The San Francisco Recreation and Park Department is seriously committed to protecting the safety and welfare of its work force The Department requires employees to treat fellow workers and members of the public with courtesy and respect Employees may not threaten fellow workers or members of the public verbally or in any other manner The Department will not tolerate employee assaults, battery, or threats of violence in the workplace

Employees are prohibited from bringing weapons to the job, unless required by the employer Weapons include, but are not limited to, firearms and knives

Employees have the responsibility of reporting threats or acts of violence to their respective supervisors Supervisors or other Departmental representatives have the responsibility to investigate all reported incidents of threats of violence or violent acts and to take appropriate action

g. YOUNGBLOOD COLEMAN PLAYGROUND — RES. NO. 16866
REMOVAL OF PLAY STRUCTURE

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the removal of the play structure at Youngblood Coleman Playground

i. GOLDEN GATE YACHT CLUB — RES. NO. 16867
MEMBERSHIP DUES AND ASSESSMENT FEE

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the request to increase membership dues from $25 00 to $40 00 per month and to impose a one time membership assessment of $150 per member for the Golden Gate Yacht Club, effective May 1, 1994

Note for the Record: Item 4h was removed from the Consent Calendar and considered separately

h. CONSERVATORY OF FLOWERS
CONSERVATORY FOUNDATION
AMENDMENT TO BUDGET

Approval of amendments to the Conservatory Foundation annual budget and spending plan

On recommendation of the Finance and Candlestick Committee meeting, and on motion of Commissioner Chan seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted

Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold, explained that the Conservatory Foundation has asked permission to increase its capital budget expenditures for the Conservatory to restore the demonstration benches at a cost of $40,000. The Foundation has only $13,000 remaining in its approved capital account and has therefore requested an amendment to increase their capital budget by $27,000. The Foundation has also asked to reduce their projected budgeted revenue account by $44,000. The Conservatory Foundation has pledged to not reduce the money they have pledged for the operation of the Conservatory ($32,100) and, if necessary, will make adjustments to its other accounts. Based on this promise, staff recommended approval of the amendment to the Conservatory Foundation budget. The Foundation has pledged to make up the deficit with private funds and to reduce administrative costs if required. Mr. Arnold further explained that next month the Commission will accept a "gift in place" for restoration of the Conservatory benches.

Commissioner Sommer did not see any reference to the Foundation's unrestricted funds. Mr. Arnold explained that under their agreement the Foundation is not obligated to furnish any information on their unrestricted funds; rather it is required to report money raised through gifts, bequests, rental income and the gift shop.

On recommendation of the Finance and Candlestick Committee meeting, and on motion of Commissioner Chan, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted

RES. NO. 16867

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves amendments to the Conservatory Foundation annual budget and spending plan to decrease projected revenues by $44,000 and increase capital project expenditures by $27,000 with the understanding that any deficit in the budget will be financed from the Foundation's unrestricted funds.

GENERAL CALENDAR

5. SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS
ZOO MASTER PLAN

Presentation on the Zoo 2000 Master Plan for the San Francisco Zoological Gardens.

Zoo Director, David Anderson, explained that the Zoo Master Plan has added a number of new exhibit components to better carry out its mission of conservation of animals and education of the public about the animals. The Zoo is organized into it five zoogeographic zones: the African complex, Montane and Tropical Asia region, the South American region, and the North American region which will be the Children's Zoo. The plan calls for a new entry and promenade which will act as a "Main Street" because there are currently a number of pathways that go in many directions. As visitors loop around the Zoo they can always return to the main artery of the Zoo. The land use will be set aside for exhibit space, open space, service areas and semi-public areas. The exhibits will be large and naturalistic and give an opportunity for the visitor to get close to the animals and still be safe. Within each exhibit there will be a large support area, to hold some animals off exhibit, for breeding purposes. The plan is encompassed with the philiosophy of what is called a "Zoo web" so that the visitor can interact and assist with the Zoo, and be responsible for the Zoo. The intent is to have the public be responsible for and have an awareness for the Zoo foundation so they will become involved in wildlife and environmental issues.

6. SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS
REVISIONS TO THE ZOO 2000 MASTER PLAN

Approval to make revisions to the Zoo 2000 Master Plan for the San Francisco Zoological Gardens

Zoo Director, David Anderson, explained that in Item 5 he requested revisions to the Zoo 2000 Master Plan which was conceptually approved by the Recreation and Park Commission in 1986. The plan was reviewed in 1991 and is now being prepared for the City's environmental review process. Upon completion of the environmental review process the Plan will be brought before the Commission for final approval so the balance of the plan can be implemented. Environmental review has already been received for such exhibits as the Feline Conservation Center, the Leopard and Orang Exhibit, and the Mammal Conservation Center. Mr. Anderson outlined the proposed revisions to the Zoo 2000 Master Plan.

•The South America area has been switched with the Australian area.

•The service area has been increased in size because the Zoo is adding recycling zones, more space for horticultural needs and additional space for Zoo vehicles.

•In order to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) the Zoo will install accessible ramps and a new restroom at the front gate. Better signage and hardware will be installed throughout the Zoo.

•The Avian Conservation Center will be remain in the footprint of the Zoo. Formerly, it was to be located off the Zoo grounds as part of the mitigation measures from the Clean Water Program. The Clean Water Project is now complete and the Avian Conservation Center will be able to remain on Zoo grounds.

•A change of sequence is requested to construct one of the South American exhibits on top of the old monkey island complex. The monkey island exhibit is an historic area for the public and many people recognize it. It has been barren for some time due to USDA and Cal Osha violations. Staff proposes constructing the South American Gateway exhibit on this site during Phase I so that this area will have an exhibit during the first five year of the Zoo 2000 Plan.

•The next major exhibits in Phase I are the Leopards of Asia exhibit and the Orang exhibit. The current concrete tripple grotto area for orangs is too small. The African Exhibit, which was initially part of Phase I, will be shifted to Phase II.

The Zoo wide renovations to be accomplished over the five year period are the otter exhibit, the outdoor aviary, flamingo exhibit and the bunker exhibits to the east of the Lion House. When we complete these projects which also include reforestation, signage, fencing, etc., and will significantly change the appearance of the Zoo.

•The Earthquake Bond was approved in 1990 and the $26 Million infrastructure work that is slated for the Zoo will take place very soon. Many of the existing utilities are very old and dilapidated and some are over 70 years old. Many of the utilities are deteriorated and in need of a new system. The plan is to provide the Zoo with one major utility system such as a loop system, to provide a single utility corridor. Because some of the exhibits run through exhibit areas there is a need to build a site for some of the birds and mammals during construction. Therefore, the Zoo will provide the avian and mammal conservation center to hold animals that are displaced by the infrastructure construction. The mammal conservation center to be built will have one major building for food preparation, storage, and several barns, one which is designed to hold larger animals and one which is designed to hold smaller animals.

In response to Commissioner Rovetti's comments, Mr. Anderson explained that 44 banners were placed on Sloat Boulevard and four more along Herbst Road, on the south side of the Zoo. They are multi colored banners that display the Zoo's new logo.

On recommendation of the Joint Zoo Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Sommer, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted

6. SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS
REVISIONS TO THE ZOO 2000 MASTER PLAN (Continued)

RES. NO. 16869

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the revisions to the Zoo 2000 Master Plan for the San Francisco Zoological Gardens

7. SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BUDGET

Approval of the 1994-95 capital improvement budget for the San Francisco Zoological Gardens.

Zoo Director, David Anderson, explained that the capital budget he requested is sufficient for the projects he previously outlined in Item 6 It will cost $4 5 Million to complete the Feline Conservation Center, begin the South American exhibit, some of the initial design work on the Leopards of Asia exhibit and to begin the Zoo wide improvements and renovations

On recommendation of the Joint Zoo Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Sommer, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16870

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the 1994-95 capital improvement budget for the San Francisco Zoological Gardens.

8. GOLDEN GATE PARK
CORPORATION YARD
UNDERGROUND FUEL TANK

Approval of underground fuel tank replacement adjacent to the Corporation Yard, Golden Gate Park.

ACTION: This item was removed from the Calendar.

9. PORTSMOUTH SQUARE
PHASE III SCHEMATIC PLAN

Approval of Phase III schematic plan for Portsmouth Square.

Park Planner, Deborah Learner, requested approval of the Phase III lower improvement plan for Portsmouth Square. The Commission previously reviewed the overall master plan for Portsmouth Square. The existing play area for small children will be renovated; a disabled access ramp will be installed to give access to the upper and lower level of the Square. The Square will be bordered with more vegetation than currently exists to buffer the site line of the garage and because the building is stark. A community room will be built underneath the bridge but it will project outward in order to increase the amount of light entering the room. Staff met with the Arts Commission to review the color scheme for the outside of the building and are considering a reddish hue. This hue would wrap around the entire building. The community area will be a multi-purpose room, approximately 1300 square feet, with a kitchen area and a low counter Restrooms are located in the back and have two entrys, one from the outdoor and one from inside the building . The outdoor entry can be gated so that the restrooms are accessible only through the building. Ms. Learner recommended approval of the Phase III plan.

On recommendation of the Special Parks and Planning Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Farrow seconded by Commissioner Sommer, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16871

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the Phase III schematic plan for Portsmouth Square

10. GOLDEN GATE PARK
PERMIT FEE/ROAD CLOSURE
BAY TO BREAKERS RACE

Approval of road closures in Golden Gate Park and the Great Highway and revision to the permit fee for the 83rd Annual Examiner Bay to Breakers race on Sunday, May 15, 1994, from 7:00 am to 3:30 p.m.

General Manager, Mary E. Burns, there had been a number of changes in this year's Bay to Breakers event. The road closures remain the same from previous races, however, the race promoter will bring buses into the park which has not been done before (a shuttle service to bring runners to starting point of race). The Examiner will also administer the paid parking program in the West end of the park. Last year, the paid parking program was initiated to reduce the impact of vehicular traffic on the park. Rather than having the Department administer this program the race sponsor will take care of it.

The second issue pertains to the permit fee. On July 1, 1993, the Commission raised the permit fee for the first time in many years from $.50 to $1.00 per participant for paid athletic events. The Examiner Bay to Breakers has informed the Department that they have lost a significant number of their corporate underwriters and that they would like to propose a $30,000 permit fee (the fee paid last year) and want relief from the approved participant fee schedule. Ms. Burns sympathized with the plight of the sponsor, but felt that the Department was also struggling with its budget. The Department's budget is based on estimated revenues from these events. She was also concerned that other groups who have paid the newly approved fee would request similar consideration. Therefore, it was Ms. Burn's recommendation that the Commission not grant the fee reduction for the Bay to Breakers event.

Cindy Myers, representing the San Francisco Examiner, reminded the Commission that she testified in opposition to the increase in the participant fee when it was proposed last year. She explained that she had been discussing the permit fee with staff on an ongoing basis and was told numerous times that some accommodations would be reached that was agreeable to both sides. The Examiner presented four proposals to staff, some of which were 5 year plans; other that were calculated on a pro bono basis. She said that the Examiner Bay to Breakers event is the largest event that charges a participant fee and that most paid athletic events draw crowds no larger than 25,000. She noted that they have lost five major sponsors this year (Safeway, Pepsi, BMW, Dupont, and Bank of America), all who were major underwriters of the race. The runner count is 10,000 lower than it has been in past years and felt that they were owed the same consideration that has been afforded to other events such as the "Run to the Far Side" (the fundraiser for the Academy of Sciences) and Cinco de Mayo celebration. She said the Examiner has given in-kind services to the Department and is willing to offer technical assistance for the Department's Teen Newspaper. She said that T-Shirt proceeds from the annual Opera in the Park event are split with the Friends of Recreation and Parks. For these reasons, she asked that the Commission consider giving some accommodation to their fee.

In response to President Immendorf's question, Ms. Myers said the Examiner could offer assistance with the Department's Teen newspaper, the latchkey afterschool program, and many other projects for the Department.

Linda Luchetti, the race director for the Bay to Breakers, has worked on the race for 10 years and said it is an important event bringing economic benefit to the City. She explained that it is more a "San Francisco" event than an "Examiner" event. Over 60,000 registered runners participate in the race and many of them bring friends and family to the City for the weekend, affecting the airline, hotel, and restaurant industry for the Bay Area. People come from all over the country for this 83 year old tradition. The Department benefits because of the permit fee and the City benefits in the form of tourism. The Examiner is working with the Chamber of Commerce and the San Francisco Convention and Visitors Bureau on special programs to highlight the event. She outlined some of the charitable groups that have benefited from the annual race and noted that the Examiner tried to keep the registration fee low.

Peter Nantell, representing Base C Productions, said he has been producing the Examiner Bay to Breakers event for the last 16 years. This year the event will be taped, particularly the post race event known as "Foot Stock" held at the Polo Field to show other producers the care, quality and effort that is taken to protect the park and to ensure that damage to Golden Gate Park is minimal.

10. GOLDEN GATE PARK
PERMIT FEE/ROAD CLOSURE
BAY TO BREAKERS RACE (Continued)

President Immendorf said it was his understanding that the issue of a sliding scale or a reduction of fee was being discussed for some time He learned this morning that discussion of a possible compromise was withdrawn by staff He supported this event and understood the Department's need to generate revenue but felt that this race was an historic civic event that economically benefits the City He wondered why negotiations with the Examiner had ceased

Ms Burns said she had been discussing the fee with the Superintendent of Recreation and thought the parties had come to a resolution She understood the promoter's concern but noted that the fee was implemented over a year ago and other organizations and groups have paid the $1.00 participant fee.

President Immendorf suggested that the Commission approve a fee that would guarantee a $30,000 permit fee in the form of cash and an equivalent level of support from Bay to Breakers in the form of an in-kind service to the Department

Commissioner Chan agreed with the General Manager's comment and feared that once the fee is reduced other groups will ask for the same consideration. He asked the Examiner representatives to quantify the in-kind service they will offer to the Department. To date, the in-kind service has not been given a dollar value.

Ms Myers explained that she had discussed assisting the Department with its teen newspaper and felt they could teach computer skills, page layout, etc She said the Examiner was willing to come up with $30,000 worth of in-kind services for the Department.

Ms Burns noted that the in-kind service provision was eliminated because, in the past, staff could not track the value of the in-kind service.

Commissioner Rovetti said he expected the Examiner to live up to the statement made by Ms Myers and felt that the race was important to San Francisco. He was concerned about the Department collecting the complete fee and believed that $30,000 worth of an in-kind service could be developed between the Examiner and the Department

In response to Commissioner Sommer's question of how this action would impact the Department's budget Assistant General Manager, Phil. Arnold, explained that recently staff was informed that the hotel tax allocation to the Department will drop $100,000 for this year's budget; the Department of Parking and Traffic informed staff that they will shut down half of St. Mary's Garage next year, and that with a projected drop in revenues at Civic Center Garage (due to City Hall being closed for earthquake repairs) the Department anticipates a loss in garage revenues of $1 Million. He enumerated numerous other budgetary issues and cost overruns on projects that added to the budgetary plight of the Department. He thought that some kind of in-kind service could be developed to directly offset something currently in the Department's budget rather than funding something that was new.

In response to Commissioner Ruiz's question, Ms. Myers said the loss of sponsors costs $500,000 and that 70% of the race is underwritten by the entry fee. The Examiner pays over $150,000 in City permit fees for the event alone

On motion of Commissioner Chan, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16872

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the road closures in Golden Gate Park and the Great Highway and revision to the permit fee for the 83rd Annual Examiner Bay to Breakers race on Sunday, May 15, 1994, from 7 0 am to 3 30 p.m. as follows:

•$60,000 permit fee with $30,000 to be paid in cash
•$30,000 to be furnished in the form of in-kind services to the Department. Said in-kind service shall be negotiated by Recreation and Park Department staff and SF Examiner representatives. The proposed in-kind service shall be ratified at the May meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission

11. SPECIAL EVENT PARKING
GOLDEN GATE PARK
BAY TO BREAKERS RACE

Approval of a permit for special event parking during the 83rd Annual Examiner Bay to Breakers race on Sunday, May 15, 1994, with a parking fee of $5.00

ACTION: This item was removed from the Calendar

12. JUSTIN HERMAN PLAZA
MULTIPLE DAY EVENT

Approval of a three day event at Justin Herman Plaza on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, May 27, 28 and 29, 1994, for the Association of Volleyball Professional's Pro Beach Tour

Superintendent of Recreation, Joel Robinson, explained this item is a request for a 3 day event at Justin Herman Plaza. Staff has worked with the promoter and all issues have been resolved except for one issue pertaining to the grassy area at the Plaza. The promoter wants to put three of the sand volleyball courts on the grassy area, near the Embarcadero Center, while there was concern that it could violate a 1986 Ordinance which speaks to disturbing soil that may be contaminated. A report has been issued that finds this soil contains toxics. The concern is placement of the courts on this soil without some type of mitigation.

General Manager, Mary E. Burns, explained that she contacted Bill Lee, Director of Toxics, Health and Safety Services for the Department of Public Health, who verbally informed her that as long as a building permit is not required to install the volleyball court the Maher Ordinance is not applicable. However, he did caution that care should be taken not to disturb the soil.

Mr. Robinson explained that the promoter plans to place 1"' plywood so that vehicles that roll onto this turf area will not disturb the soil. The sand will be placed on the plywood with a liner. The plywood will be under the turf and the tarped area. The truck will access this area on the plywood so the wheels do not sink into the soil.

Commissioner Chan felt the insurance requirement might be increased for this permit given the toxic issue. He felt the Department should consider the liability issue that is at stake with the soil and the potential claims that could be filed against the City, particularly, if the soil was disturbed. Mr. Robinson said he had not considered increasing the insurance requirement. Commissioner Sommer suggested that a statement be issued saying that the event promoter would be responsible for any lawsuits that are brought as a result of this event.

Mr. Robinson said the Gay Lesbian Freedom Day Parade was held at this location and there were 20,000 at this location. However, no trucks or vehicles were on the Plaza. World Cup Soccer held an event at this site as well but, again, did not use vehicles on the soil.

Ms. Burns said the Maher Ordinance talks about more than 50 cubic yards of soil being disturbed. The issue is that the soil could potentially be disturbed.

Eula Walters, said that the Justin Herman Plaza area is heavily used for softball activities and volleyball and other recreational activities.

Monica Luzzi , representing the promoter, said that her general counsel reviewed the Maher Ordinance and felt the legislation did not apply to this request. She said the volleyball event is being held in 26 other cities and the cost of building the courts in other cities (Philadelphia, Dallas, Chicago) was $3,500, in San Francisco it cost $8,000. The placement of plywood will be costly and she preferred to use a liner only rather than the plywood. Ms. Luzzi did not want to put plywood on the grass area because experts said a liner was sufficient.

Many commissioners expressed their reluctance to approve the request without the use of plywood on the soil. Mr. Robinson said the sponsor will place the 1" CDX (plastic covering) the plaza where there is no controversy and put the plywood on the turf area.

12. JUSTIN HERMAN PLAZA
MULTIPLE DAY EVENT (Continued)

On motion of Commissioner Ruiz, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted

RES. NO. 16873

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves a three day event at Justin Herman Plaza on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, May 27, 28 and 29, 1994, for the Association of Volleyball Professional's Pro Beach Tour

13. OPEN SPACE PROGRAM
FIVE YEAR PLAN

Consideration to amend the five year plan for the Open Space Program.

Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold, explained that he is requesting an amendment to the five year plan for the Open Space Program. The Open Space Advisory Committee approved an amendment to the five year plan which places Tule Elk Park, a playground owned by the San Francisco Unified School District, in the plan The playground is not recommended for funding for 1994-95 Open Space Program but will receive consideration for 1995-96.

On recommendation of the Special Parks and Planning Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Sommer, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16874

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves an amendment to the five year plan for the Open Space Program to add Tule Elk Park to the projects to be considered for funding in future years.

14. MISSION PLAYGROUND
MINIATURE SOCCER COURT
ACCEPTANCE OF GIFT IN PLACE

Approval to place a prefabricated, artificially surfaced miniature soccer court at Mission Playground, and acceptance of a gift in place valued at $100,000.

Superintendent of Parks, Ron de Leon, explained that this item is a request to approve a gift in place of a miniature, prefabricated, artificial surface soccer court. The gift is from Adidas and is to be placed at Mission Playground The court was used as part of the World Legacy Tour event held at Justin Herman Plaza recently The gift will give youth an opportunity to play soccer on this court which measures 53' by 83' He recommended approval of the gift in place.

On recommendation of the Special Parks and Planning Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Ruiz, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16875

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the placement of a prefabricated, artificially surfaced miniature soccer court at Mission Playground, and acceptance of a gift in place valued at $100,000.

15. MISSION DOLORES PARK
SOCCER FIELD

Approval of an informal practice field for children and youth soccer at Mission Dolores Park

Assistant General Manager Phil Arnold, explained that this is one of the most contentious issues the Open Space Program has dealt with in his tenure with the program The proposal is to place a soccer field at the base of Mission Dolores Park, near the tennis courts The area is relatively level and flat and is currently used for pick-up soccer, lounging, frisbee playing, dog walking, and special events The Open Space Advisory Committee was asked to place a fairly large soccer field at this park because there are very few soccer fields in the Mission District and there are no regulation soccer fields in the area Many hours of testimony was received on this issue and staff has petitions with over 1000 signatures on both sides of the question At last year's Joint Commission meeting between City Planning and Recreation and Park, approval was granted to install a soccer field but the dimensions were left for future determination The Commissions placed restrictions on the field and said it would not include any lighting, bleachers, retaining walls or fences and would be a practice field

Staff has spent almost a year trying to forge a compromise but has failed to reach that goal Fields as small as 130' by 210' and as big as 210' x 290' were considered On Friday, 4/15/94 the field was actually staked out to 200' (width) by 270' (length) to visually see the topography and use of the site There is a big dip on the site at 170' feet The dip is approximately a 4' drop and the length could be extended to 270' The Department of Public Works' landscape architect feels that the field could be as long as 270' and as wide as 180' without the need for retaining walls The 270' length would permit two cross fields However, the Commission approved a practice field One of the proposals considered was a square field 210' x 210' which would allow for east/west play and would allow the goals to be moved around on either side so that there would not be a wear pattern to the turf However, it was learned that a 210' field would not work because of the topography Staff also proposed 240' x 180' which is a conventional size practice field It is not big enough for league play and will leave one-third of the area undisturbed Staff proposed that limits be placed on the hours the field could be reserved for soccer use so that others could use the area

Mr Arnold summarized his statement by saying that the staff recommendation is to place a 180' (width) by 240' (length) practice soccer field It is clearly a compromise, bigger than some of the fields proposed, yet smaller than what has been requested by the soccer community The intent is to have the field be youth oriented and to discourage adult leagues from using the area There should also be restrictions imposed on the hours in which it is dedicated to soccer activity so that other passive activities can take place such as "Make a Circus", etc on this site

In response to Commissioner Sommer's question, Mr Arnold explained that Franklin Square will be renovated (16th and Bryant), and the athletic field renovation fund will enable fields at Garfield, Potrero del Sol, Balboa, Rolph, and Louis Sutter playground to be renovated in the future

Brian Gatter, Landscape Architect, representing the Department of Public Works, explained that a feasibility study was done and a number of proposals were considered He displayed a drawing that showed the grade of the area in question He said the grade changes 15' and that it is 2' at one corner and 11' higher at another corner In most of the schemes the corner can be accommodated but the difficult area is the dip A 3% grade will be needed for the field. There is also the desire to preserve the amphitheater aspect of the top slope as it exists today and to not grade that area The proposal is to take everything below the 75' elevation and grade it to nothing steeper than a 4 to 1 slope Optimally, a 2% grade is required for athletic fields but everyone has accepted a steeper grade for this field with the intent to make it as level as possible and still not require a retaining wall Mr Gatter then displayed the grading and sloping configurations as it pertains to the different size fields proposed

Commissioner Rovetti said in Europe a regulation field is between 90 and 110 meters by 95 meters Balboa Stadium is 110 by 82 He asked why a bigger size field could not be placed at Dolores Park. Mr Arnold explained that 180-200' is the maximum width that can be accommodated at the site, the length is the open issue

President Immendorf reminded the public that the Commission had already approved the placement of a soccer field at Dolores Park The issue under consideration was the size of the field He asked that everyone respect everyone's comment

15. MISSION DOLORES PARK
SOCCER FIELD (Continued)

Bob Lehr, a resident of the neighborhood said he no longer chose to make any comment in view of the fact that the Commission had already decided to place a soccer field at Dolores Park.

Hilda Bernstein, said that over the past several months many people have been called racists and were intimidated by this issue. She received two scurrilous phone messages last night and said it was a sad commentary on the way people conduct business. She felt it was a disgrace that people cannot talk to each other in a civilized manner. She then proceeded to explain that she is president of Liberty Hill Neighborhood Association, past chair of the Mayor's Mission Task Force, and organizer of the newly formed Mission Renaissance, and that some months ago, at a well attended meeting, everyone except for one abstention, voted against the soccer field of any kind of any size at Dolores Park. However, this was not her personal point of view. She felt a practice field of 150' x 210' should be built and noted that Commissioner Chan voted for the field last year with that understanding. She said the soccer field was needed for the neighborhood.

Eileen Gold, lives one-half block away from Dolores Park and viewed the marked off field of 200' x 270' on Friday, 4/15/94. Although this size is not regulation for a junior high soccer game it might suffice as a practice field for high school students. She urged the Commission to consider the youth and to show it cared for them by voting for a 200' by 270' field. She said that anything else would be too small.

Andrew L. Solow, said this issue had become contentious and all people have lost sight of the original goal to give the children a place to play. He referenced the photograph which showed a 270' length and said that the kids need that length to have two separate one-half play fields for children ages 8 to 10. He said if the field was smaller, fewer children would be able to use it. He urged the Commission to approve a 200' by 270' field. He said that people who want to use the area for passive recreation will be able to do so regardless of the size or the grade.

George Baldwin, lives on Guerrero and uses Dolores Park frequently. He uses the lower part of the park and felt that the Commission should approve the dimension of 210' by 150' as an informal practice field. He said this dimension was what was proposed.

John Barbey, representing the Liberty Hill Neighborhood Association, said he was shocked by the vote of his general membership who opposed the soccer field at Mission Dolores Park. He said that children have needs and that the City/Department should acquire land for soccer fields. He sees available land that is not acquired and said there are uncontrolled and rowdy events at the park right now. The soccer field would please him.

Donald Stroh, from the Dolores Heights Improvement Assn., said a meeting was held a year ago and the Association did not favor a soccer field at Dolores Park. He said last year the 150' x 210' field was proposed and it has now grown to a much larger field. His membership was not interested in having a field larger than 150' x 210' and that anything larger would question the integrity of the Commission.

Kevin Solan, representing Jordan Street/Dolores Terrace Association, explained that his Association voted in opposition to a soccer field and that the size discussed by staff and proposed to members of the Board of Supervisors was in the range of 150' by 210'. He said that Commissioner Chan referenced this size in comments made at last year's meeting. Now, there is a move to ignore this discussion and expand the size of the field. A larger field would place more people on the field leaving no grassy area for passive users. He felt the only way to balance the use of the park was to make the field small enough so that the field itself is not overused and noted that Department staff is already overwhelmed trying to maintain the neighborhood parks' athletic field.

David Spero, who served on the Open Space Advisory Committee and said that the 270' Franklin Square field will be on line before the Dolores Park soccer field is completed. The soccer community would like the Commission to believe that nothing is being done, but Franklin Square is an 8 minute bus ride from Mission High School, money has been allocated to renovate 6 athletic fields, and Jose Coronado Playground has a practice field that is smaller than 150' by 210' and is heavily used. He said the soccer field was sold to the community as a small, 150' by 210' practice field. Dolores Park not only serves the Mission but also serves Noe Valley, Eureka Valley and other neighborhoods. He favored the 210' field because the multiple use needs of the park must be considered

15. MISSION DOLORES PARK
SOCCER FIELD (Continued)

Lanita Sanchez, lives in the community and uses the park 3 times a day when she walks her dog. The only passive activities she witnesses in the park are people walking dogs and inebriated persons. She said there is plenty of space for the field and that when soccer fields are built in other areas of the City they are regulation but in the Mission everything is substandard. The construction of a soccer field will not prevent passive use. The 190' by 270' field will be a practice field for children and will keep them off the streets. Right now, kids have to be taken across the City to Beach Chalet or West Sunset because they do not have a facility. She said that coaches have to own a camper truck to transport children. She felt that a regulation field could be built at the Dolores Park and that it was important to serve children.

Joan Holden, explained that when she visits Dolores Park she sees frisbee players, kids playing and people enjoying the views from the park. This green space area is 2 blocks long and is the only open space from Market Street and Potrero for the Mission, Noe Valley, the Castro and Eureka Valley districts. A full size field is being built at Franklin Square and 270' is not a compromise. Any field that is built at Dolores Park will attract use outside of the scheduled hours and the turf will be destroyed for passive recreation users. She felt that the 270' field would consume the entire level space at Dolores Park. The 210' field would allow some of the meadow to remain as open space so that passive activities could take place around the edges. People need their open space and the Commission consider the entire needs of the community.

Paul Deutsch, lives on the edge of the park and supported the smallest field to serve the needs of children who want to practice soccer at Dolores Park. Shortly, soccer players will have other locations in the Mission to practice. The Commission must respect the fact that hundreds of people look out onto this space and the larger the field the more people will use it. He asked who would regulate the use of the field once it is completed. He felt it was important to remember that the Commission approved a practice field and it was his understanding that the compromise size agreed to was a 210' x 150' field. The 180' x 240' field now proposed by staff is considerably larger than the field previously proposed. The larger field will make the park unpleasant for passive recreation when soccer is being played.

Anthony Sacco, president of the New Mission Terrace Improvement Association, grew up in the Mission, still resides in the area and is a soccer advocate. He said the Commission has a great opportunity to do something for the youth of San Francisco and felt that a regulation size soccer field was befitting of the area. Franklin Square is in a commercial area and Crocker Amazon and Beach Chalet is overused by soccer leagues. There are no areas for the youth in the Mission to play soccer. He suggested that a regulation field be built at Dolores Park and that it be named Caeser Chavez Memorial Soccer Field to give youth a true hero.

Paul Nixon, of the Fair Oaks Neighborhood Association, said the issue was not the size of the field but the feeling that someone will win and someone will lose. He was present the day photographs were taken of the site and felt, in terms of aesthetics, after the dip, it was irrelevant if the field was 240' or 270'. He said that single parents cannot afford to take their kids across town to play soccer because not everyone has a car. He felt that a larger field was appropriate.

Yvonne Anderson, representing the Dolores Heights Improvement Club, felt the size of the field should be 150' x 210'. She was concerned about the need for restrooms for the park and the cost to build the field.

Ross Worden, said when the pictures were taken of Dolores Park it was not heavily used. The major grading will take place at the 170' dip and not much money will be saved if it is 240' rather than 270'. He said there is another square block for people to picnic and will not take up a lot of the park in terms of usage. Franklin Square is isolated from the rest of the Mission and that the needs of the children should be considered.

Karen Jewett, Managing Director of Make-a-Circus, explained her group has been performing in Dolores Park for the children of the Mission and the rest of the City for 20 years. She supported the smaller practice field as originally proposed because the children need a place to play soccer while others need a park and open space area. Kids can take public transportation to a soccer field and noted that they offer a program in the Haight District for kids age 14-19 and that kids from all over the City take the bus to participate in their program.

15. MISSION DOLORES PARK
SOCCER FIELD (Continued)

Dr. Ed Lopez, representing Mission Economic and Cultural Association (MECA), is working on the Carnival event and they plan to have a soccer theme for the event. MECA endorses soccer because it helps the Mission Youth Soccer League and other programs to get kids off the street and away from gang activities. He supported the larger field. He played at Dolores Park when he was a child but his cousin was killed in a gang related activity because he went down a different road. The larger field might save one person's life.

Lupe Arabolos, assistant principal at Mission High School, was present to speak for 1200 students at Mission High School who were unable to attend because of a soccer game. She said the student body president rallied the school to participate in a letter writing campaign when the 210' square field was proposed as they were upset with such a proposal. She hoped the Commission would consider the youth that spoke at previous hearings and said that a small field is not suitable. She said the school has one field that is used for varsity football, junior varsity football, track and field, baseball, and the boys and girls soccer team. She further stated that when times are scheduled for use of the field a proposed time frame of 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. should be considered.

Juan Gonzalez, vice president of the Mission Youth Soccer League, said almost 700 kids are in his league without a soccer field or place to practice. Kids from the Mission District will not get on the bus to go to Franklin Square because of the 12 gangs in the area. Seventeen teams in his league play all year and most coaches have campers and vans to transport the kids to the fields. The league has twelve 3-1/2 year old kids enrolled and he hoped that when they are 15-16 years old they will only think about soccer practice and school rather than hanging around gangs. A larger soccer field is needed to practice soccer and to explain the game of soccer. He urged the Commission to not shorten the field because a couple of feet will save a couple of lives.

Dr. Richard Sanchez, a former member of the City's Public Health commission, understood how difficult it was to resolve issues between the communities but said the youth need a soccer field. Kids between the ages 15-16 have nothing to do and offering them a recreational activity is wise. He was pleased the Commission had approved the concept of a soccer field and urged the Commission to complete the task by approving a field that has a minimum length of 270'. The opponents of the soccer field at Dolores Park realize that there will be a filed but want it built so small that it will not be used. Dr. Sanchez preferred a length of 300' and felt the park could accommodate passive recreation and a soccer field.

Al Lopez, said that 250 years ago there was no park and this proposal gives the Commission a chance to do something for the youth who are tomorrow's future. He urged the Commission to make the field a size that is usable for our kids from small kids to high school kids.

Constantine Koustin, said he was born a few block from Dolores Park and played soccer in an alley. Most of his friends died in Vietnam or through drugs but he was fortunate to attend USF and play professional soccer. Because of soccer he traveled all over the world. It was his opinion that the soccer field would give something to the next generation. The field can be built in such a way that it will not be damaged from rain or overuse. He said the key was to save the children.

Mitchell Salazar, said many people volunteer a lot of time for children. He has worked with the Mission Youth Soccer League and felt the Commission needed to understand that kids have not been caught in the madness. If the larger field is built thousands of kids will be able to use it and be save from being killed from the violence of recent years. If one or two lives are saved and if the kids do not turn to the street the field will pay for itself. It is proper to serve kids from not only the Mission but City-wide.

Vicki Rega, representing Youth For Service in the Mission District, explained that she schedules programs for young people and has a waiting list for every program. Kids are anxious to have something to do and the question is whether a first class soccer field will be built for them or if they will again be treated as second class citizens. If she lived in the Dolores Park area she would want to see a lot of people using the park. She felt that the soccer field would dissuade the other illegal activities such as drug dealing that now take place.

15. MISSION DOLORES PARK
SOCCER FIELD (Continued)

Alan Weaver a member of the Open Space Committee, voted against the soccer field because it had nothing to do with the Open Space Program He worked on Proposition E (the Open Space Program) and was one of the members who wrote a letter in opposition to the soccer field He voted against it because it was a violation of Proposition E and has received hate calls because of his vote He enumerated the money the Open Space Program has allocated for the Mission including setting aside money to renovate athletic fields, allocating money to purchase a park at 23rd and Treat, to expand Mission Playground, etc In the past the School District has not let the City use their gyms or fields after school There is an issue of good faith because the community and neighborhood organizations were told that the field would be 150' x 210' It would be bad faith to change those dimensions

Jim Gonzalez, former member of the Board of Supervisors, commended Mary Burns and Phil Arnold of the Department who have been tugged on both sides on this issue Over the years, he learned through his service in the Mayor's Office and his tenure on the Board of Supervisors that there are not enough facilities in the Mission District for the 4000 kids in the area The mini park concept was established because of the shortage of recreation in the Mission There is a lot of violence in the City and the Commission must address this problem He thought it was important to approve the soccer field and do it right the first time because it would be costlier to change it at a later date The Mission District suffers from neglect and he urged the Commission to do something pro-active and to show it cared by creating wholesome activities for the Mission

Commissioner Ruiz thought it was sad to see the Mission community involved in a turf war over this issue but there are very few resources in the Mission community considering the size of the population In this instance, he did not support the staff recommendation He felt the Commission was making a policy decision and that it was responsible to provide access and open space to all citizens Dolores Park is approximately 2 City blocks He wanted to send a message to the community that it needs to learn to share its precious resources He supported the 190' by 270' field because it meets the Commission's criteria of no retaining walls, no fencing, no lighting, no permanent posts and no benches The larger field will make a positive difference because it would save lives He noted that the square footage of the square field would have been 48,400 square feet and the larger field was 51,300 square feet He asked his fellow commissioners to give children 3,000 square feet for the 190' x 270' field

Commissioner Chan said when he voted for the soccer field at Dolores Park he was sensitive to the Dolores Park neighbors but strongly felt that children should have a, place to play It is difficult to find open space in the City and it should be shared However, he cast his vote with the understanding that the field would not blossom into a large field, but an informal practice field so the neighborhood still had a place to enjoy passive activities Children's needs are very basic - they want a place to play He grew up playing softball at North Beach Playground which never had a grassy area but he enjoyed the park Staff worked hard to find a consensus and he supported the staff recommendation of a 240' x 180' field

President Immendorf voted for a soccer field on 2 occasions and was persuaded by the young people's testimony He understood that many sizes were discussed for the soccer field but whatever the size it would not be obstructed by permanent structures The only other guideline given to staff was that the field should not be regulation size He initially thought he would vote for the staff recommendation but hearing that the square field would almost be the same size of the larger field, he now favored the 190' by 270' field He said the City must share its resources with everyone

Commissioner Sommer did not like the tactics used by some of the people on this issue and said when the square field was presented it was done with the thought that the goals could be changed She did not care for the negative letters that were submitted to the Commission the square field She recalled the vote was for a 150' by 210' field although she now felt it appeared too small She though the 180' x 240' field was a compromise She remembered hearing presentation on an informal practice field for small children. She was prepared to vote for the staff recommendation

15. MISSION DOLORES PARK
SOCCER FIELD (Continued)

Commissioner Rovetti was hurt by the students' action who wrote negative letters and felt such action was an insul to both the staff and the Commission. He supported the 190' by 270' field because a large area is needed to play soccer. He said the tactics used by the School District angered him and that the students should be dissuaded from using this kind of tactics.

President Immendorf said that Department worked very hard to do the right thing, were sensitive to the neighbors and took a lot of abuse. He was sorry that this caused such anger and hoped that everyone could be friends when this issue is decided. Whether there is agreement on this issue, he felt the Commission was doing what it believed to be proper.

Mr. Arnold said changing the width from 180' to 190' might require a retaining wall in one corner. Therefore, he asked the Commission to direct staff to make the field as wide as possible, up to 190', without the need for a retaining wall.

On motion of Commissioner Ruiz, seconded by Commissioner Rovetti, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16876

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves a practice field with a length of 270' and a width of 180' to 190' depending on site conditions, both dimensions include buffer zones.

Approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Commissioners Farrow, Immendorf, Rovetti, Ruiz
Noes Commissioner Chan, Sommer
Absent Commissioner Mazzola

16. LAKE MERCED
URBAN PARK CONCESSIONAIRES
REDUCTION OF RENT

Approval of request for reduction in rent retroactive to October 1993 due to decrease in water level for the Urban Parks Concessionaires at Lake Merced.

Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold, explained that the concessionaire at Lake Merced is responsible for boating and fishing at the Lake. The level and quality of water at Lake Merced has been declining in recent years and, as a consequence, there is little fishing and boating. The concessionaire is making no money and has requested relief from his minimum rent of $10,000 a year. Urban Parks has not been making rent payments since October 1993 and has asked that the rent be reduced until the water level is restored by some 4'. Staff does not anticipate that occurring but does acknowledge his economic plight. Staff is recommending that the minimum rent be waived for one year from October 1993 to October 1994 and that it be reviewed in October 1994. At the committee level there was concern expressed to grant a full waiver of rent and the question was raised as to what services the concessionaire provides the Department. Urban Parks cleans the public restrooms at Lake Merced, monitors fishing activities, checks fishing licenses and monitors the storage areas. Those services would cost the Department $74,000 per year. Therefore, the Department clearly benefits by the presence of the concession at Lake Merced. Based on these economic factors, staff recommended that the rent be waived.

In response to Commissioner Rovetti's statement, Mr. Arnold clarified the point that the concessionaire is making some money but not enough profit to make rental payments. Commissioner Rovetti was concerned that waiver of rent could trigger other concessionaires to ask for the same accommodations. Mr. Arnold explained that other concessionaires do not have these type of conditions. The business presented by the Department was a large, healthy, lake. They have recently asked to rent bicycles and skates but the Department will be starting a reconstruction of the Lake Merced pathway making it difficult to generate revenue with a torn-up path. Mr. Arnold hoped the concessionaire would continue to consider other alternatives in addition to water activities at Lake Merced.

16. LAKE MERCED
URBAN PARK CONCESSIONAIRES
REDUCTION OF RENT (Continued)

RES. NO. 16877

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the request for reduction in rent retroactive to October 1993 to October 1994 due to decrease in water level for the Urban Parks Concessionaires at Lake Merced

17. JOHN McLAREN PARK
AWARD OF CONTRACT

Approval of award of contract in the amount of $387,400 to Intercoastal Joint Venture for construction of the John McLaren Park Overlook, Trail Improvements

Park Planner, Deborah Learner, explained that this item is approval of award of a contract for John McLaren Park The contract will construct an overlook on the top of Mansell at Visitacion The area is now scarred and a desirous place for abandoned vehicles Access for the disabled will be constructed along the roadways and railings will be installed to prevent cars from operating in non-paved areas A security gate will be installed to close off a portion of Shelley Drive at night Currently, there are no curbs, medians will be installed This contract will enhance the appearance of the park and make it more manicured and will discourage dumping of unwanted goods alongside the road

On recommendation of the Finance and Candlestick Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Ruiz, seconded by Commissioner Rovetti, the following resolution was adopted

RES. NO. 16878

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the award of contract in the amount of $387,400 to Intercoastal Joint Venture for construction of John McLaren Park Overlook, Trail Improvements

18. GOLDEN GATE PARK
PARK POLICE STATION AND PARK POLICE STABLES
AWARD OF CONTRACT

Approval of award of contract for rehabilitation of the Park Police Station and Park Police Stables in Golden Gate Park

Park Planner, Deborah Learner, explained that the Bureau of Architecture is recommending award of contract to Barnes Lim, joint venture, in the amount of $1,797,000 The prior low bidder was disqualified and has withdrawn their bid Staff recommended award of the contract to the second bidder which is Barnes Lim, a minority business enterprise

RES. NO. 16879

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the award of contract for rehabilitation of the Park Police Station and Park Police Stables in Golden Gate Park to Barnes-Lim.

19. OPEN SPACE PROGRAM
REVIEW OF 1994-95 BUDGET

Review of the 1994-95 Open Space Program recommended budget.

Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold, explained that the Commission will review the Open Space Progra budget at the joint Commission meeting with City Planing to be held on 4/28/94 but wanted to give the Commissi an overview of the 1994-95 Open Space Program budget. The $16 Million budget allocates funds for the afi school program, acquisition and development of park land, maintenance of previously acquired open space a administration of the program Mr Arnold asked the Commission to approve the capital budget which he outlin as follows

Acquisition and Development ($5,085,000)	
Athletic Field Development (beginning of a fund to eventually acquire additional athletic fields hopefully in t	
Mission District but a specific site has not been identified)	$167,400
Bonview Lots (area in Bernal Hill)	305,000
Brewster/Franconia Lot (community garden on Bernal Heights)	50,000
Brooks Park lease (SFUSD property & 3 privately owned lots to be acquired for Open Space)	550,000
Chinatown Park (complete development cost for new Chinatown park)	750,000
Community Gardens	50,000
Japan Peace Plaza (pay for structural repairs)	50,000
Lessing Sears Lot (mini park on Daly City border)	50,000
Mullen Peralta (4 lots on the northeast slope of Bernal Hill)	280,000
Natural areas acquisition (to acquire Hawk Hill, O'Shaughnessy Hill & Bayview Hill)	500,000
Regional Trails (Ridge Trail and Bay Trail)	30,000
Richmond Recreation Center (complete development costs for center)	850,000
St Mary's Square Rooftop	200,000
South of Market Park	400,000
Tenderloin Park Preschool (playground for preschoolers --2 sites under consideration both on Hyde Street)	400,000
Transportation Program (bus program to send children and seniors from underserved areas of the City to other areas of the City)	
Randall Museum	32,600
High Need Area	120,000
Urban Forestry (fund reforestation for neighborhood parks in the City)	275,000
Visitacion Valley Gym (seed money for construction of a gym)	25,000
Renovation ($1,657,000)	
Athletic Field Rehabilitation (rehabilitate the athletic fields)	200,000
Banal Heights Playground Rehabilitation	150,000
Bleachers (replacement of bleachers, City wide)	35,000
Eureka Valley Playground (redesign of the recreation center)	30,000
Golden Gate Park (rehabilitation of 10th Avenue and Fulton Play Area)	150,000
Hazardous Material Abatement (mainly lead and asbestos removal)	75,000
Irrigation Renovation, On-Going	75,000
Jackson Playground Play Area (design to renovate playground in Potrero Hill)	50,000
King Pool (reproof of the pool)	372,000
McKinley Square Irrigation Play Area (playground renovation in Potrero Hill)	100,000
Mission Playground Play Area (redesign of playground)	25,000
Mountain Lake Park (restoration of the lakeshore)	30,000
Natural Area (implementation of the plan)	100,000
Precita Park (west side of the park)	50,000
Randall Museum Master Plan	50,000
Rolph Nicol Mini Park (renovation of the mini park on Eucalyptus)	40,000
Security lighting city wide	30,000
Silver Terrace Restrooms and Bleachers	50,000
Stern Grove Benches	30,000
Stern Grove Erosion Control	15,000

19. **OPEN SPACE PROGRAM**
REVIEW OF 1994-95 BUDGET (Continued)

Open Space Program Budget Summary (Continued)

After School Program	$ 1,920,000
Maintenance	6,400,000
Acquisiton and Development	5,085,000
Renovation	1,657,000
Administration and Maintenance	938,000
TOTAL BUDGET	$16,000,000

On motion of Commissioner Sommer, seconded by Commissioner Rovetti, the following resolution was adopted

RES. NO. 16880

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the capital improvement budget for the 1994-95 Open Space Program recommended budget

20. **SWIMMING POOLS**
ADMISSION FEE REDUCTION

Approval of request for reduction in child and youth admission fees to swimming pools from $1 00 to $ 50 to increase usage and accessibility effective July 1, 1994

Superintendent of Recreation, Joel Robinson, explained that this is a request to reduce the children's admission from $1 00 to $ 50 Staff has witnessed a marked decline of pool attendance by the youth He requested the Commission to roll back the fee

On recommendation of the Finance and Candlestick Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Sommer, seconded by Commissioner Rovetti, the following resolution was adopted

RES. NO. 16881

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the request to reduce the child and youth admission fees to swimming pools from $1 00 to $ 50 to increase usage and accessibility effective July 1, 1994

21. **SWIMMING POOLS**
CREATION OF FAMILY/GROUP RATE

Approval of request to create a family or group rate of $5 00 for admission to the swimming pools, effective July 1, 1994

Superintendent of Recreation, Joel Robinson, explained that this item is a request to establish a group rate for $5 00 for admission to the Department pools A group rate is defined as 2 adults with 2 children The fee, if paid individually, would cost approximately $6 00
On recommendation of the Finance and Candlestick Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Ruiz, seconded by Commissioner Sommer, the following resolution was adopted

RES. NO. 16882

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the request to create a group rate of $5 00 for admission of 2 adults and 2 children to the swimming pools, effective July 1, 1994

22. SETTLEMENT OF CLAIM

On recommendation of the Finance and Candlestick Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Sommer, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted

RES. NO. 16883

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the proposed settlement of the litigated claim of A-1 Construction and Development, et al in the amount of $20,000

23. PUBLIC COMMENT

At this time members of the public may address the Commission on items that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Recreation and Park Commission Members of the public may address the Commission for up to three minutes The President or the Commission may limit the total testimony to 30 minutes.

Eula Walters, displayed a photograph of Justin Herman Plaza and explained that she has lived in this area for 20 years She asked the Commission to acquire Lot 202 and 203 (near Drumm Street) for open space She was concerned that this land would be developed. She wanted the area preserved as open space because there was little open space in this part of the City. She said there are 5 childcare facilities in the area but no place for the children to play. Her other concern was the prohibition of skateboarding at Justin Herman Plaza and the fact that people are issued a $200 citation for enjoying the park. She thought it was wrong to cite young men for skating in a park She wanted the Commission to rescind this action or give them a place to skateboard.

Emeric Kalman, a berthholder at the Marina, asked the Commission to respond to several issues he posed in the past. He wanted to know what was the loss of revenue from not renting empty berths for the last 4-5 years, what was the cost of damage from not dredging in a timely manner, and why the berth holders paid higher rent to cover this loss of revenue He further explained that Wayne Person wrote a letter to the Director of the Department of Public Works regarding the dredging work done at the Marina. He felt that Mr. Cribbs' response represented professional misconduct.

24. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The President did not submit a report.

25. COMMISSION COMMITTEE REPORTS

The following Commission Committee reports were submitted for the record:

- Joint Zoo Committee meeting of March 2, 1994
- Parks and Planning Committee meeting of April 5, 1994
- Finance and Candlestick Committee meeting of April 7, 1994
- Golf, Yacht Harbor and Camp Mather Committee meeting of April 4, 1994.

26. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Commissioner Sommer, the meeting was adjourned in memory of Renzo Antonini, a retired employee of the Recreation and Park Department who passed away

On motion of Commissioner Chan, the meeting was adjourned in memory of Barbara Tham, an employee of the Accounting Division of the Recreation and Park Department who passed away

On motion of Commissioner Rovetti, the meeting was adjourned in memory of Michael Hughes, a retired employee of the Recreation and Park Department who passed away

On motion of Commissioner Farrow, the meeting was adjourned in memory of Wilbur Hoppe, a retired employee of the Recreation and Park Department who passed away

On motion of Commissioner Immendorf, the meeting was adjourned in memory of Stella Nasser, the mother-in-law of Commissioner Larry Mazzola who passed away

There being no further business, the 692nd Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was adjourned at 6 40 p.m

Respectfully submitted,

Shauna Marie Rose
Commission Secretary

Note These minutes set forth all actions taken by the Recreation and Park Commission on matters stated, but not necessarily the chronological order in which the matters were taken up

RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION

FOR MISSING MINUTES

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SPECIAL JOINT MEETING
THURSDAY, APRIL 28, 1994 -1:30 P.M.
Chambers of the Board of Supervisors

The Special Joint Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission and City Planning Commission was called to order on Thursday, April 28, 1994 at 1:35 p.m. by President Jack Immendorf of the Recreation and Park Commission and Vice President Frank S. Fung of the City Planning Commission.

1. **ROLL CALL**

RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION
Present:
Jack Immendorf, President
Larry Mazzola, Vice President
Sidney Chan
Bella Farrow
Vincent J. Rovetti
Commissioner Santiago Ruiz
Commissioner Sue Sommer

CITY PLANNING COMMISSION
Present:
Frank S. Fung, Vice President
Marilyn M. Levine
Susan E. Lowenberg
Lawrence B. Martin
Romaine Boldrige, Representing Ex-Officio
Gen. Manager, Public Utilities Commission
David Prowler, Representing Ex-Officio,
Chief Administrative Officer
Absent:
Commissioner Sidney Unobsky, President

2. **OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION AND PARK RENOVATION FUND 1994-1995 RECOMMENDATIONS**

Consideration of the 1994-95 Open Space Acquisition and Park Renovation Fund budget.

Steve Shotland, representing the City Planning Department, gave a brief overview of the San Francisco Park and Open Space Program, explaining that $16 Million will be allocated for acquisition and development of park and open space areas, renovation of park land and previously acquired sites, maintenance of existing public open space, administration of the program, and funding for the City's After School Program during 1994-95.

This year, three sites are proposed for acquisition that are not designated for acquisition under City Planning's Open Space Element of the City's Master Plan. Staff recommended that the City Planning Commission vote to include these sites in the Open Space Element of the City's Master Plan prior to both Commissions voting on the Open Space Program. (Note for the Record: The City Planning Commission has jurisdiction over the City's Master Plan; therefore the Recreation and Park Commission was not required to vote on inclusion of the three new sites.)

2. **OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION AND PARK RENOVATION FUND 1994-1995 RECOMMENDATIONS (Continued)**

Recreation and Park Department Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold, explained that the Citizens Advisory Committee held a series of public meetings during the Fall and Winter to gather information from the community and organizations and to develop recommendations for funding for the next fiscal year. Numerous meetings were held to discuss expenditures, consider public testimony on funding projects and programs, an all day tour of proposed sites was conducted, and a series of funding recommendations were finalized for adoption by the joint commissions. The Open Space Program has a requirement that a five year plan be adopted as a guide for future expenditures. This five year plan is annually updated.

There are a number of Charter requirements, in the allocation of funds that must be satisfied in the Open Space Program. The mandated formula is as follows:

Required Allocation	Proposed Allocation
12% for operation of the After School Program	$1,920,000 (12%
At least 25% for Acquisition and Development	5,085,000 (32%
At least 9% for Renovation	1,657,000 (10%
No more than 15% for Administration, programs and maintenance of new open space properties and renovated open space facilities	938,000 (6%

Mr. Arnold then outlined the specific recommendations for the 1994-95 Open Space Program Budget:

Athletic Fields Acquisition. This fund is the beginning of acquisition for new athletic fields. No speci site has been identified but money is being set aside for future acquisition.	$ 167,40
Bonview Lots, Acquisition	305,00
Brewster/Franconia Acquisition	50,00
Brooks Park Lease, Acquisition (Two more years of funding allocation is required for this lease. It will be part of the Open Space Program budget for the next two years in order to complete payment to the San Francisco Unified School District.)	550,00
Chinatown Park, Development (Cathay Mortuary site)	750,00
Community Gardens, Development City-wide)	50,00
Japan Peace Plaza, (Property previously acquired through the Open Space Fund that requires site corrections that must be completed under the terms of the Acquisition Agreement	50,00
Lessing-Sears Lot, Acquisition	50,00
Mullen/Peralta Lots, Acquisition in Bernal Hill	280,00
Regional Trails Development (known as Ridge Trail/Bay Trail)	30,00
Richmond Recreation Center, Development (last installment to develop this recreation center)	850,0
Saint Mary's Square Rooftop, Development	200,00
Significant Natural Areas, Acquisition (Banking funds for eventual acquisition and development. The three sites under consideration under this item are Hawk Hill, O'Shaughnessy Hollow and expansion of the Bayview Hill area)	
South of Market Park, Acquisition and Development (Banking funds for eventual acquisition and development. There are two sites under consideration.	400,00
Tenderloin Preschool Playground, Acquisition and Development (two sites are under consideration)	400,00
Transportation Program to the Randall Museum (transports children from public schools to the Museum)	32,60
Transportation Program for High Need Areas	120,00
Urban Forestry Program, City-wide	275,00
Visitacion Valley Gym (first of many years of banking funds to develop a gym site)	25,00

In response to Commissioner Mazzola's question regarding the After School Program, Mr. Arnold explained that the school sites selected for an after school program are done through a negotiation process with principals of the School District.

2. OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION AND PARK RENOVATION FUND 1994-1995 RECOMMENDATIONS (Continued)

In response to Commissioner Sommer's question, Mr. Arnold said that money being banked for trails is part of the same program known as the Ridge Trail and Bay Trail.

In response to Commissioner Ruiz's question, Mr. Arnold said that money is now being earmarked for acquisition of athletic fields. Although there is no specific timetable for the athletic fields project, the need is obvious and the intent is to have a timetable for acquisition in the next Five Year Plan for the Open Space Program.

Commissioner Lowenberg asked how interest is allocated on money that is being set aside year after year for a specific acquistion. Mr. Arnold explained that interest on money appropriated to specific projects is not allocated to those projects. Instead, the interest is used to fund additional open space projects.

***Note for the Record**: At this point in the meeting the City Planning Commission considered the amendments to the recreation and open space elements of the City Master Plan to add three sites.*

Steve Shotland, from the City Planning Department, said there were two sites surrounding the existing Brooks Park site, one of which is San Francisco Unified School District property, There is a property in back of the School District property which will provide access to the Brooks Parks site. The existing park is a small, hilltop park and acquisition would enlarge the park and increase neighborhood access to the park by providing an entry on Vernon Street. Neighbors have been active in pursuing acquisition of this property. The other site to be added is the Lessing-Sears lot which is adjacent to the existing mini park. The mini park is quite small and there is limited visual access to the park. These three sites were proposed for addition in the Open Space element of the City's Master Plan.

Peter Vaernet, a neighbor of the Ocean View District, urged the Commission to approve the Brooks Park acquisition. He said there are over 32 species of significant natural plant areas identified by the Native Plant Society and it is an important piece of land. He urged the Commission to approve the acquisition of this area in the City.

Lonnie Lawson, urged the Commission to approve the Brooks Park property as part of the open space element of the City's Master Plan. Taking this action will restore the people's trust who have waited long for the City to acquire this piece of property.

Claire Isaacs, spoke on behalf of Brooks Park and Lessing-Sears acquisitions. She said the Brooks Park follows a long tradition of hilltop parks in the City and that there was a need to have a hilltop park in this area of the City for future generations. The acquisition of the Lessing-Sears lot was important to the community who needs open space. She urged the Commission to acquire these properties.

On motion of Commissioner Prowler, seconded by Commissioner Levine, the following resolution was adopted by the City Planning Commission:

RES. NO. 13676

City Planning Commission (Case No. 94.118M)

WHEREAS, Pursuant to the San Francisco Charter requirements that the City Planning Commission adopt and maintain, including necessary changes therein, a Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, Certain portions of the Master Plan may over time become obsolete; and

WHEREAS, The City Planning Commission adopted the Recreation and Open Space Element of the Master Plan by Resolution No. 11067 on July 9, 1987; and

2. OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION AND PARK RENOVATION FUND 1994-1995 RECOMMENDATIONS (Continued) **RES. NO. 13676 (Continued)**

City Planning Commission (Case No. 94.118M)

WHEREAS, The City Planning Commission amended the Recreation and Open Space Element of the Master Plan, by Resolution No. 13149 on August 15, 1991 to add Citywide Policy #13, which states "Preserve and protect Significant Natural Areas," and

WHEREAS, The City Planning Commission amended the Recreation and Open Space Element of the Master Plan adopting Resolution No. 13411 on October 1, 1992, to add and revise policies on regional recreational trails, and

WHEREAS, The electorate of San Francisco in November 1988 revised Charter Section 6.413 establishing the San Francisco Park and Open Space Fund to acquire and develop additional public open space, as well as to renovate and maintain it; and

WHEREAS, Since 1987 many of the sites proposed to be acquired as open space in Map 4, the "Citywide Recreation and Open Space Plan" have been or are in the process of being acquired to serve the needs of San Francisco residents; and

WHEREAS, as part of the Case No. 93.117R, the 1994-1995 San Francisco Park and Open Space Program, three sites are proposed for acquisition as public open space that are not designated in the Recreation and Open Space Element as proposed public open space by either policy or map; and

WHEREAS, the sites, contained in EXHIBIT A and listed below, are proposed to be added to Map 4, the "Citywide Recreation and Open Space Plan" to the category "Proposed Public Open Space, Acquire for or Convert to Public Open Space".

❶Brooks Park-adjacent property, acquisition through long-term lease of Assessor's Block 7073, lot 50, Assessor's Block 7074, lot 49, Assessor's Block 7075, lot 56;
❷Brooks Park-adjacent property, Assessor's Block 7075, lots 34, 35, 36;
❸Lessing-Sears lot, Assessor's Block 7160, lot 1; and

WHEREAS, there is significant neighborhood support for acquisition of the sites; and

WHEREAS, Each of the sites proposed for acquisition is contiguous with an existing public park; and

WHEREAS, On balance, the proposed amendments are consistent with the eight priority policies of Planning Code Section 101.1; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Charter Sections 3.525 and 6.413, notice was duly given of a public hearing by the City Planning Commission to consider adoption of an amendment to the Recreation and Open Space Element of the Master Plan, which hearing was held on April 28, 1994; and

WHEREAS, On April 28, 1994, the Planning Commission held a public hearing and considered testimony related to the proposed amendments; and

WHEREAS, The Commission deems the proposed amendments to be appropriate and desires to adopt them as part of the Recreation and Open Space Element of the Master Plan; now therefore be it

2. **OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION AND PARK RENOVATION FUND 1994-1995 RECOMMENDATIONS (Continued)** **RES. NO. 13676 (Continued)**

City Planning Commission (Case No. 94.118M)

RESOLVED, That the City Planning Commission, before acting on the proposed Master Plan amendment, does hereby certify that it has reviewed, considered, and approved the information contained in the Certificate of Determination of Exemption/Exclusion from Environmental Review, under General Rule Exclusion (State Guidelines Section 15061 (b)(3); and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City Planning Commission hereby ADOPTS an amendment to the Recreation and Open Space Element of the Master Plan, adding the sites contained in Exhibit A to the category "Proposed Public Open Space, Acquire for or Convert to Public Open Space" in Map 4, the "Citywide Recreation and Open Space Plan"; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Commission shall record the action taken in this Resolution on the adopted amendment and shall certify a copy thereof to the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors in accordance with the Charter.

APPROVED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:
Ayes: Commissioners Boldridge, Fung, Levine, Lowenberg, Martin, Prowler
Absent: Commissioner Unobskey

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Mr. Shotland explained that all of the sites proposed for acquisition and development are consistent with the City's Master Plan. He then referred to the list of proposed Acquisition/Development sites from the 1994-95 Program. He displayed maps of the proposed sites.

Commissioner Mazzola asked if the five year plan will be updated annually by the joint Commisions. Mr. Arnold said that under the Charter the update of the five year Open Space Program plan is considered only by the Recreation and Park Commission.

On motion of Commissioner Mazzola, seconded by Commissioner Ruiz, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16884

Recreation and Park Commission

WHEREAS, The electorate of San Francisco in November, 1988, approved a new Charter Section 6.413 establishing the Park and Open Space Fund for a 15-year period, and

WHEREAS, Charter Section 6.413 requires that the Park and Open Space Citizens' Advisory Committee recommend, and the Recreation and Park Commission annually adopt, a Five Year Plan for Acquisition and Development, Renovation and Maintenance, to be updated annually; and

WHEREAS, the Recreation and Park Commission has adopted the Five Year Plan for Acquisition and Development, Renovation and Maintenance, Fiscal Year 1994/95; and

WHEREAS, Charter Section 6.413 also requires that the General Manager of the Recreation and Park Department shall annually present a report on the disposition of the Fund for approval by a majority of each of the Recreation and Park Commission and the City Planning Commission, meeting jointly; and

2. **OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION AND PARK RENOVATION FUND 1994-1995 RECOMMENDATIONS (Continued)** **RES. NO. 16884 (Continued)**

Recreation and Park Commission

WHEREAS, In formulating the proposed program, the General Manager of the Recreation and Park Department closely considered the recommendations of the Park and Open Space Citizens' Advisory Committee which were made after months of diligent work that involved community discussions, field investigations and public hearings; and

WHEREAS, Charter Section 6.413 requires that the program be consistent with the Recreation and Open Space Element of the Comprehensive Plan (Master Plan) and in accordance with the Recreation and Open Space Programs document; and

WHEREAS, The Office of Environmental Review of the City Planning Department has found the submitted program to be categorically exempt from environmental review and has approved the proposed program; and

WHEREAS, The General Manager of the Recreation and Park Department on April 28, 1994, presented to the two Commissions, meeting jointly, a program entitled, "General Manager's Report: Park and Open Space Fund, Fiscal Year 1994/95", dated April 28, 1994; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Recreation and Park Commission does hereby approve the program, contained in the "General Manager's Report: Park and Open Space Fund, Fiscal Year 1994/95" dated April 28, 1994, which program is hereby found to be in accordance with the Recreation and Open Space Element of the Master Plan and Programs document approved by the City Planning Commission.

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On motion of Commissioner Levine, seconded by Commissioner Boldridge, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO.136

City Planning Commission (Case No. 94.117R)

WHEREAS, The electorate of San Francisco in November 1988 revised Charter Section 6.413 establishing the San Francisco Park and Open Space Fund to be supported by an annual Ad Valorem tax of two and one-half cents ($0.025) for each one hundred dollars ($100) assessed valuation, for a 15-year period; and

WHEREAS, Charter Section 6.413 specifies that the General Manager of the Recreation and Park Department shall annually present a report on the disposition of the Fund for approval by a majority of each of the Recreation and Park Commission and the City Planning Commission meeting jointly; and

WHEREAS, In formulating the 1994-1995 program, the fifth year of the program, the General Manager of the Recreation and Park Department closely considered the recommendations of the Park and Open Space Citizen's Advisory Committee, which were made after several months of diligent work that involved community discussions, field investigations, and public hearings; and

WHEREAS, Charter Section 6.413 requires that the program be consistent with the Recreation and Open Space Element of the Master Plan and in accordance with the Recreation and Open Space Programs document; and

2. OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION AND PARK RENOVATION FUND 1994-1995 RECOMMENDATIONS (Continued) **RES. NO. 13677 (Continued)**

City Planning Commission (Case No. 94.117R)

WHEREAS, The Recreation and Open Space Element of the Master Plan was amended by City Planning Commission Resolution No. 13149 on August 15, 1991 to add Policy 13, which states "Preserve and protect Significant Natural Areas," and includes criteria to determine whether a site constitutes a Significant Natural Resource Area worthy of protection; and

WHEREAS, The Recreation and Park Commission recommends that three sites Hawk Hill (also known as Funston Terrace), O'Shaughnessy Hollow, and portions of Bayview Hill, be designated as Significant Natural Resource Areas; and

WHEREAS, The three sites proposed by acquisition under the Natural Areas Acquisition category, Hawk Hill (also known as Funston Terrace), O'Shaughnessy Hollow, and a portion of Bayview Hill Phase 1 and 11, meet the criteria for Significant Natural Areas contained in Policy 13, and can be considered Significant Natural Areas worthy of protection; and

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Park and Open Space Program was determined by the San Francisco Department of City Planning (hereinafter "Department") to be categorically exempt from the environmental review process under a General Rule Exclusion, pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and the Commission has reviewed and concurs with said determination; and

WHEREAS, The program responds to the Priority Policies of Section 101.1 of the Planning Code; and

WHEREAS, The General Manager of the Recreation and Park Department on April 28, 1994, presented to the two Commissions, meeting jointly, the program entitled, "General Manager's Report: Park and Open Space Fund, Fiscal Year 1994-1995," dated April 28, 1994, and the "Open Space Program Five Year Plan 1994-1995"; and

WHEREAS, The Acquisition and Development section of the Program proposes funding for acquisition and development of a number of sites; and

WHEREAS, The following three sites, proposed for acquisition as public open space, are not designated in the Recreation and Open Space Element as "Proposed Public Open Space, Acquire for or Convert to Public Open Space" or Master Plan policies;

❶A portion of the SFUSD Ortega School property adjacent to Brooks Park, Assessor's Block 7073, lot 50, Assessor's Block 7074, lot 49 Assessor's Block 7075, lot 56.
❷Three privately owned lots adjacent to the Brooks Park site, Assessor's Block 7075, lots 34, 35, 36; and
❸The Lessing-Sears lot, Assessor's Block 7160, lot 1; and

WHEREAS, each of the three sites is contiguous with existing Recreation and Park Department managed parkland, and there is significant community support for the sites' acquisition for open space purposes; and

WHEREAS, two alternate sites in the Tenderloin are proposed for consideration for acquisition as a Tenderloin Preschool Playground site. The alternate sites are: Assessor's Block 337, lot 21, and Assessor's Block 336, lot 3. The Recreation and Open Space Element does not designate either of the specific sites for acquisition, but does state: "Provide New Open Space in the General Vicinity;" and

2. OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION AND PARK RENOVATION FUND 1994-1995 RECOMMENDATIONS (Continued) **RES. NO. 13677 (Continued)**

City Planning Commission (Case No. 94.117R)

WHEREAS, at a public hearing on April 28, 1994, the City Planning Commission considered the program contained in the "General Manager's Report, San Francisco Park and Open Space Program, 1994-1995," at which time the Commission heard public testimony concerning the Program; and

WHEREAS, at a public hearing on April 28, 1994, the City Planning Commission also considered Case No. 94.118M, a proposed amendment of the Recreation and Open Space Element, to add three sites to Map 4, the "Citywide Recreation and Open Space Plan" under the category "Proposed Public Open Space, Acquire for or Convert to Public Open Space"; and

WHEREAS, prior to approving the program contained in the "General Manager's Report, San Francisco Park and Open Space Program, Fiscal Year 1994-1995", the City Planning Commission approved Resolution No. 13676 amending Map 4 of the Recreation and Open Space Element, adding the three sites (referenced above) proposed for acquisition to the Category "Proposed Public Open Space, Acquire for or Convert to Public Open Space"; and

WHEREAS, $40,000 in funding from the 1994-1995 San Francisco Park and Open Space Program is budgeted to fund the Department of City Planning to work toward an update of the Recreation and Open Space Element of the Master Plan and/or to fund Department staff time spent on the San Francisco Park and Open Space Program (Prop. E) fiscal year 1995-1996;

WHEREAS, members of the Park and Open Space Citizen's Advisory Committee revised a Five Year Plan for open space acquisition, development, renovation and maintenance which is consistent with the goals and policies of the Recreation and Open Space Element of the Master Plan and the Recreation and
Open Space Programs document;, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the City Planning Commission does hereby find the program contained in the "General Manager's Report: Park and Open Space Fund, Fiscal Year 1994-1995", to be in conformity with the Recreation and Open Space Element of the Master Plan, and in accord with the Recreation and Open Space Programs document; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City Planning Commission does hereby approve the Program, and adopt the budget for allocation and expenditure of the Program Fund, as recorded in the "General Manager's Report, San Francisco Park and Open Space Program, Fiscal Year 1994-1995";

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City Planning Commission does hereby approve the recommendations in the updated "Open Space Program Five Year Plan 1994-1995"; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That if the Recreation and Park Department determines to proceed with acquisition of a "Natural Areas Banking category" site which is not identified in Map 4, the "Citywide Recreation and Open Space Plan" of the Recreation and Open Space Element, that the Recreation and Park Department is hereby required to submit specific locations and boundaries of the proposed acquisition site to the City Planning Commission at the time acquisition is proposed, and to submit a report indicating how the Master Plan criteria are being met, at which time the City Planning Commission will consider finding the site in conformity with the Master Plan, and should conformity be verified, consider amendment of Map 4, to add the site to the "Citywide Recreation and Open Space Plan" of the Recreation and Open Space Element; and be it

2. **OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION AND PARK RENOVATION FUND 1994-1995 RECOMMENDATIONS (Continued)** — **RES. NO. 13677 (Continued)**

City Planning Commission (Case No. 94.117R)

FURTHER RESOLVED, That if the Recreation and Park Department determines to proceed with acquisition of one of the alternate Tenderloin Pre-School Playground Sites which is not identified in Map 4, the "Citywide Recreation and Open Space Plan" of the Recreation and Open Space Element, that the Recreation and Park Department is hereby required to submit the specific site to the City Planning Commission at the time acquisition is proposed, and shall submit a report indicating how Master Plan criteria are being met, at which time the City Planning Commission will make a finding of conformity with the Master Plan, and should conformity be verified, consider amendment of Map 4, to add the site to the "Citywide Recreation and Open Space Plan" of the Recreation and Open Space Element.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

At this time members of the public may address the Commission on items that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Recreation and Park Commission and City Planning Commission. Members of the public may address the Commissions for up to three minutes. The total testimony may be limited to 30 minutes.

Edith McMillan, spoke about a roadway in Golden Gate Park and urged the Commission to take action to widen the road. The roadway she wanted widened is from 43rd Avenue and Fulton to 41st and Lincoln. She said this part of the roadway is inadequate for automobile traffic and that widening a portion of the road will make the area safer for the public and ultimately protect lives.

General Manager, Mary E. Burns, said the update of the Golden Gate Park Master Plan is now being developed and the Recreation and Park Commission will most likely review the plan in July. There is an extensive section pertaining to parking and traffic issues but staff has not recommended the widening of this roadway.

There being no further business, the Special Joint Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission and City Planning Commission was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shauna Marie Rose
Commission Secretary

Frank M. Jordan, Mayor

RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION

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M I N U T E S

693RD REGULAR MEETING

THURSDAY, MAY 19, 1994 - 2:00 P.M.

The Six Hundred Ninety Third Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Thursday, May 19, 1994 at 2:00 p.m. by President Jack Immendorf.

1. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioner Jack Immendorf, President
Commissioner Larry Mazzola, Vice President
Commissioner Sidney Chan
Commissioner Bella Farrow
Commissioner Vincent J. Rovetti

Absent: Commissioner Santiago Ruiz
Commissioner Sue Sommer

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Commissioner Rovetti, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 21, 1994, were approved as presented.

3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

General Manager, Mary E. Burns, introduced two recreation directors so they might make a presentation to the Commission on the Department's Late Night Rush Basketball Program. Huey Thomas and Joe Ellis, recreation directors, explained that the Department is sponsoring a basketball game between the San Francisco 49ers and other Bay Area celebrities on Friday, June 3, 1994, at Kezar Pavilion to raise funds for the Late Night Rush Basketball Program. It is hoped that between $50,000 and $60,000 can be raised. Many corporations and individuals have made donations. Leon Bermudez designed and donated the logo for the event, Pacific Bell provided posters and paid the cost of printing of raffle tickets, PG&E paid for the uniforms for the game, the *Independent* Newspaper ran three advertisements, and the GAP donated 500 T-shirts. There are over 488 participants in the Late Night Rush Basketball Program from the Sunnydale, Ocean View, Hunters Point, Joseph Lee and Western Addition areas of the City. The 2 year old program has been quite successful and it is hoped that the program can be expanded to other areas in the City. Messrs. Thomas and Ellis urged the Commission to make a commitment to this program by purchasing and selling tickets to the fundraising event.

3. **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)**

General Manager, Mary E. Burns, then submitted the following report:

BUDGET UPDATE As of today's meeting, the Department is looking at a $1.9 Million reductio in its operating budget. The capital budget and a fairly substantial, unspecified number of cu have been added to the salary accounts in each of the Divisions throughout the Departmen These reductions will result in layoffs as there is not sufficient vacant positions to cover th reductions being asked of the Department.

The Mayor's budget staff has submitted a list of budget reductions for the Recreation and Pa Department which total $4.4 million. Of this total, $881,418 is from salaries. Fifteen specif positions are targeted for deletion including five gardeners, three gardener supervisors, or assistant recreation director and three recreation supervisors. Four positions which are n specifically identified will also need to be held vacant in order to accommodate thes reductions. Therefore, the total effective position reduction is nineteen positions.

In addition to the position reductions, the Mayor's staff has eliminated all equipment from th proposed budget as well as $3.2 million from capital projects. Included in the capital budg reductions is the purchase of land to be used for event parking for Candlestick Park. Th property, if it were to be acquired, would generate approximately $100,000 annually in parkir tax for the general fund as well as approximately $200,000 annually for the Recreation ar Park Department.

GOLDEN GATE PARK MASTER PLAN A draft of the Golden Gate Park Master Plan will b submitted to the Commission for review in July. At that time, staff will be recommending th the draft master plan be submitted to the Department of City Planning for environmental revie Included in the master plan will be all of the work to be performed with the infrastructure bon approved by the voters in 1992. This work includes utility replacement throughout the park, new reservoir system, automatic irrigation, reforestation and disabled access projects. Al included in the draft master plan will be recommendations on traffic circulation, road closure building use, land use, parking and concessions. For the most part, there is a gener consensus on the master plan. However, some of the issues, particularly matters involvir parking, traffic and concessions, have raised considerable discussion and the Commission w be asked for specific policy direction.

BAY TO BREAKERS The Recreation and Park Department has initiated a pre and po assessment procedure that will be implemented for large events held on Recreation and Pa Department property. This assessment procedure was first used for the Bay to Breakers ra and involved the assessment of the route runners use through Golden Gate Park, the fini area at Ocean Beach and the Polo Field where the "Footstock" post-event is held.

An assessment team consisting of several members of the Department, a Commissioner, representative from an outside agency and the event promoted toured Golden Gate Pa before and after the Bay to Breakers race. The pre-event tour was made on Friday, May 13, 8:30 a.m. to observe and to video tape the condition of the park prior to the event to establish baseline assessment for comparison to the post-event tour. The pre-event assessme documented that the park was generally in good condition.

3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)

BAY TO BREAKERS (Continued) eThe post-event tour, which was held on Tuesday, May 17, at 8:30 a.m., found the park to be generally clean with some remaining litter at the western most edge of the park, the possibility of six to eight broken sprinkler heads at the Polo Field and some collapsed gopher runs as well. These items were brought to the attention of the event promoters during the post-event tour. It was also noted that where fence and tent posts had been pulled, fairly large, deep holes resulted in the turf and track area. This may explain some of the damage that occurs and the ongoing complaints we receive regarding danger to soccer players on the field and to horses in the track area. The Examiner will attempt to find all the holes and fill them. For future events, the promoter has been asked to mark the spots at the time the posts are pulled.

The assessment process will be looked at further with respect to the timing of the tours pre and post event as well as the specific concerns or considerations that each large event presents.

CIGARETTE ADVERTISING AT CANDLESTICK PARK The Board of Supervisors has approved a resolution requesting that the Mayor ask the Recreation and Park Commission to eliminate tobacco advertising at Candlestick Park. Currently there are five cigarette ad panels in the stadium. These ads generate $250,000 annually in advertising revenue. Staff has begun discussions with SONY regarding the opportunities for replacement advertising. The City Attorney has stated that the advertising can be removed by the Commission but that the advertiser may have a legal claim against the City. The amount of such a claim is undetermined at this time.

CANDLESTICK PARK ACCESSIBILITY The Recreation and Park Department is continuing its efforts to bring Candlestick Park into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). New accessible seats have been added throughout the stadium and additional accessible seating is being proposed. The new elevator should be operational by mid-summer. Discussions are continuing with disability rights advocates as to appropriate locations and numbers of new seats.

ZOO The opening ceremony for the new "Otter River" exhibit took place on May 12. The renovated exhibit was designed to encourage the natural hunting and social behaviors of its two inhabitants, Ott and Knott. In addition, public viewing is greatly enhanced by the new design. "Otter River" features a number of waterfalls and two pools as deep as seven and a half feet. The otters immediately took advantage of their new environment--diving to their new depths, scrambling down the streams and utilizing their full repertoire of swimming techniques. A device that releases fish randomly, thus stimulating natural hunting techniques, will soon be installed.

CAMP MATHER A work crew of approximately 35 people from all trades began pre-season work at Camp Mather on May 2. Along with the routine tasks to open camp for the 1994 season, the work crew will be installing a fire suppression system over the grill in the kitchen, modifying four single occupancy cabins into two double occupancy cabins, providing disabled access to the office and to some of the major recreation elements in camp and reconstructing the entrance sign that once graced the entrance to Camp Mather on Evergreen Road. The work crew is also continuing the very important water and energy conservation program at camp.

3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)

Camp Mather (Continued) Camp Manager Al Behmer has selected his recreation staff for th 1994 season. Recreation staff selected are Kathy Harold, John Murphy and Paul Davies Heading the kitchen staff and providing all of the wonderful meals is Chef Mike Cunnane. W look forward to a successful and enjoyable camp season with Al and his qualified sta overseeing Camp Mather this year. Camp registrations are at about 99% with only two doubl cabins yet available. It's another full house for the 1994 season.

LIGHTING RETROFIT PROGRAM During the past year, Hetch Hetchy Water an Power/Bureau of Energy Conservation, and the Recreation and Park Department undertook focused program of lighting retrofits and boiler improvements. At your places is article from th Bureau of Energy Conservation's newsletter about the Department's participation and th commitment of the Structural Maintenance staff to this program. Significant savings hav resulted since the program's inception 14 months ago.

ACQUISITION OF HAWK HILL The Board of Supervisors has approved the acquisition c Hawk Hill through eminent domain. Hawk Hill is one of the significant natural areas which ha been identified for acquisition through the Open Space Program. Eminent domain action i necessary because the Real Estate Department has not been able to reach an agreement o price with the current owners. The City is legally obligated to pay fair market value for propert acquired If settlement with the owners cannot be reached, the fair market value will b determined by the courts.

SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM ACTIVITIES Summer is just about upon us, and th Recreation Division is gearing up for a fun and exciting summer. Day Camp registration was huge success. For the first time, mail-in applications were accepted and proved to be a excellent alternative to the previous walk-in method. At your places you will find a listing c these camps and a description of each, including the Randall Camps which are new this yea All camps are now full. There are plans to attend several Giants games this summer as well a go on traditional outings to Marine World, Great America and Santa Cruz. The very popula Sea Camp will also continue with an expanded format that will include a visit to the Montere Bay Aquarium for children with disabilities.

Once again, staff has documented a dramatic increase in demand for our services. This is th first year that all camps were sold out during the initial registration, including the new Randa Camp. The Department remains optimistic that it can continue to serve all who reque participation in programs, even with diminishing resources.

STRYBING ARBORETUM The 27th Annual Plant Sale was a huge success. There wer gross revenues of $55,010. This included sales of plants, new and used books an memberships.

The annual fundraising dinner will held this Saturday, May 21, in the gardens from 5:00 to 8:0 p.m. Invitations were sent to all Commissioners. The Strybing Arboretum Society is pleased t provide you with a copy of The Natural Habitat Garden, which features a nine-page section tha shows the beauty and describes the success and importance of the Arboretum's Arthur I Menzies Memorial Garden of native California plants. Of particular note is the high prais given to the gardener, King Sip: "Everything fits--but keeping it that way against the efforts c people, birds, wind, and other forces that carry incongruous influences is the Menzies' hero gardener, King Sip."

3. **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)**

DATES TO REMEMBER

Saturday, May 21, 1994	Event '94; 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.; Sigmund Stern Grove
Wednesday, May 25, 1994	Recreation Program Committee; 3:30 p.m.; Excelsior Playground, Russia and Madrid;
Friday, May 27, 1994	Raza Luncheon; 12:00 noon; County Fair Building
Monday, May 30, 1994	Memorial Day Holiday
Wednesday, June 1, 1994	Joint Zoo Committee; 4:30 p.m. tour, 5:00 p.m. meeting; Education Classroom, San Francisco Zoo
Thursday, June 2, 1994	Finance and Candlestick Committee; 3:00 p.m.; McLaren Lodge
Monday, June 6, 1994	Golf, Yacht Harbor and Camp Mather Committee; 3:00 p.m.; McLaren Lodge
Tuesday, June 7, 1994	Parks and Planning Committee; 4:00 p.m.; McLaren Lodge

4. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

All matters listed hereunder constitute a Consent Calendar, are considered to be routine by the Recreation and Park Commission and will be acted upon by a single roll call vote of the Commission. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member so requests, in which event the matter shall be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered as a separate item.

On motion of Commissioner Farrow, seconded by Commissioner Rovetti, the following resolutions were adopted:

a. **PERSONNEL MATTERS** **RES. NO. 16885**

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies the actions taken by the General Manager regarding personnel matters during the period April 2, 1994 through May 4, 1994.

b. **RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT AFTERSCHOOL COLLABORATIVE** **RES. NO. 16886**

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the Richmond District After School Collaborative (RDASC).

c. **RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT AFTER SCHOOL COLLABORATIVE** **RES. NO. 16887**

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the Ella Hill Hutch After School Latch Key Collaborative.

4. **CONSENT CALENDAR (Continued)**

d. **RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT** **RES. NO. 16888**
SPECIAL NEEDS DIVISION
OVERNIGHT TRIP

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the assisted recreation division overnight rive rafting trip for visually impaired teenagers (ages 13-18) to the American River on June 21 22, 1994.

e. **RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT** **RES. NO. 16889**
PROJECT INSIGHT
OVERNIGHT TRIP

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the assisted recreation Project Insigh overnight camping trip for deaf teenagers (ages 14-18) to Camp Mather from June 21-24 1994.

f. **RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT** **RES. NO. 16890**
RECREATION DIVISION
OVERNIGHT TRIP

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the children and youth services pre-tee urban program (ages 12-18) overnight camping trip to Big Basin State Park on July 19-20 1994.

g **RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT** **RES. NO. 16891**
PROJECT INSIGHT
OVERNIGHT TRIP

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the assisted recreation Project Insight fo blind youth (ages 6-18) overnight trip with Sea Camp, July 27, 1994 to Half Moon Bay California.

h. **RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT** **RES. NO. 16892**
PROJECT INSIGHT
OVERNIGHT TRIP

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the assisted recreation Project Insigh overnight camping trip for deaf children (ages 6-13) to Camp Mather from August 8-13 1994.

i. **RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT** **RES. NO. 16893**
ST. MARY'S RECREATION CENTER
OVERNIGHT TRIP

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the St. Mary's Recreation Center (ages 9-17 overnight camping trip to Brannan Island State Park, Antioch, California from August 12,-14 1994.

4. **CONSENT CALENDAR (Continued)**

j. **RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT** **RES. NO. 16894**
RECREATION DIVISION-PROJECT INSIGHT
OVERNIGHT TRIP

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the assisted recreation Project Insight overnight camping trip for blind teenagers (ages 14-19) to Camp Mather from August 16-19, 1994.

k. **GOLDEN GATE PARK** **RES. NO. 16895**
TENNIS COURT COMPLEX
FOOD VENDING PUSHCART/MOBILE TRUCK/BOOTH CONCESSION

RESOLVED, That this Commission grants approval to place a food vending pushcart concession in the Golden Gate Park tennis courts complex.

l. **GOLDEN GATE PARK** **RES. NO. 16896**
GOLDEN GATE PARK MASTER PLAN
MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the modification of contract to Royston Hanamoto Alley and Abey, in the amount of $115,000, for preparation of the Golden Gate Park Master Plan.

m. **ACCEPTANCE OF GIFT** **RES. NO. 16897**

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the acceptance of gift in place of a sprayer valued at $9,000 for use in neighborhood parks, Recreation and Park Department.

n. **RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT** **RES. NO. 16898**
THREE YEAR INFORMATION SYSTEMS MASTER PLAN

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the Recreation and Park Department's three year information systems master plan.

o. **SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS** **RES. NO. 16899**
ANIMAL TRANSACTIONS

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies the following animal transactions for the San Francisco Zoological Gardens which were processed under Resolution No. 13572:

DONATION FROM: Dr. Avery Bennett

Iguana, Sex Unknown

DONATION TO: Boy Scouts of America, Troop #543
c/o Seba Dalkai School
Star Route
Winslow, AZ 66047

Four (4) male and two (2) female Peafowl

4. **CONSENT CALENDAR (Continued)**

o. **SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS** **RES. NO. 16899**
ANIMAL TRANSACTIONS (Continued)

PURCHASED FROM: West Coast Zoological
P. O. Box 720849
San Diego, CA 92172

Three (3) tarantulas, sex unknown, valued at approximately $200.00
Payment to be made from the Animal Purchase Account

EXCHANGED WITH: University of Maryland
Department of Psychology
College Place, MD 20749

Two (2) female and three (3) unknown sex, mantids

PURCHASED FROM: North Caroline Biological
2700 York Road
Burlington, NC 27215

Colony of tomato worms and silk moths, valued at $45.00
Payment to be made from the Animal Purchase Account

DONATION FROM: Lindsey Museum
1901 First Avenue
Walnut Creek, CA 94596-2540

One (1) male gopher snake

SOLD TO: International Wildlife Conservation Park
185th and Southern Blvd.
Bronx, New York 10460

Two (2) male and three (3) female penguins, valued at $5,000.00
Payment to be made from the Animal Purchase Account

p. **GOLDEN GATE PARK** **RES. NO. 16900**
CONCERT FOR UNITY, 1994
MULTIPLE DAY EVENT

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the two day event at the Music Concourse in Golden Gate Park on Saturday and Sunday, July 30 and 31, 1994, for the "Concert for Unity, 94".

q. **SETTLEMENT OF CLAIM** **RES. NO. 16901**

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the proposed settlement of the litigated clai of Jin L. Wu in the amount of $8,500.

4. **CONSENT CALENDAR (Continued)**

r. **SETTLEMENT OF CLAIM** **RES. NO. 16902**

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the proposed settlement of the litigated claim of Stephanie Allen in the amount of $20,000.

s. **SETTLEMENT OF CLAIM** **RES. NO. 16903**

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the proposed settlement of the litigated claim of Shawn Thomas Melton in the amount of $5,000.

GENERAL CALENDAR

5. **SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS**
SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY
OPERATING BUDGET

Acceptance of the San Francisco Zoological Society operating budget for fiscal year ending 6/30/95 for the San Francisco Zoological Gardens.

Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold, explained that the San Francisco Zoological Society and Recreation and Park Department management agreement requires the Society to present a budget by May 1 for the following fiscal year. The budget provides a list of priorities for the upcoming year and some assumptions in the 1994-95 budget. Mr. Arnold outlined some of the elements of the Zoo budget:

•**Attendance** The assumption is that attendance will remain steady for the year ahead. The attendance level is at a low figure by historical standards and the Zoo's attendance has been dropping. The Society does not think it is reasonable to expect attendance to increase in the coming year.

•**Staffing Levels** The Society will not hire new staff except for custodial positions to enhance the appearance of the Zoo.

•**Salary Increase** The Society is budgeting a modest wage increase in accordance with the City standardization process, setting aside approximately 5% for City staff at the Zoo and 3% for Society staff at the Zoo. The Society will "escrow" these monies as the wage increases are tied to the City's salary standardization process. Raises for City employees have been withdrawn by the Mayor.

•**Marketing/Advertising** An increase of $567,000 is included in the budget for an effort to turn around the attendance drop at the Zoo.

•**Membership Dues Increase** The Society is budgeting a membership dues increase effective July 1, 1994 that would increase the fees for a Family from $45 to $55, Individual from $25 to $35, and Student/Senior from $15 to $25.

•**Admission Fee** The Society is not proposing an admission fee increase at this time. The assumption is that when some of the exhibits are developed a fee increase may be considered.

5. **SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS**
SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY
OPERATING BUDGET (Continued)

•**Other Revenue Assumptions** Assuming that the Zoological Society membership will gro slightly, the annual giving will also slightly increase. The Society is launching a major campaig to raise $10 Million for capital improvements at the Zoo.

In response to Commissioner Chan's question, **Zoo Director, David Anderson**, explained tha the drop in attendance at the Zoo is not a national trend but is occurring because the publicit about the Zoo in past years must changed. There was question about closing the City's Zo last year which contributed to the decline in attendance.

Commissioner Rovetti felt that the Zoo will improve in the next five years with the addition c new exhibits.

General Manager, Mary E. Burns, explained that she just returned from the Urban Park an Recreation Alliance conference attendance figures were discussed. Most zoos find that ne exhibits must be added in order to keep attendance levels high. A new major exhibit has nc been done at the San Francisco Zoo since the primate center was completed in 198 Nationally, the trend is to have a phased, improvement plan so people keep returning to zoos.

Mr. Arnold referred to a chart which outlined the current budget, the expected actual revenue and expenses year-to-date, the forecast for the end of the year and the planned budget fc next year. Since the Society assumed management responsibility in October of 1993 th budget is difficult to read because some of the funding has been done by the City and othe accounts are managed by the Society. This budget is out of balance by $1 Million whic reflects the lower attendance. The only significant increase is in insurance because the Societ had to insure certain items the City previously insured.

In response to Commissioner Mazzola's question, Mr. Arnold explained that the managemer agreement gives the Commission review and oversight responsibilities for the budget. Th Commission may comment and disapprove elements of the budget and still retains polic setting authority and oversight at the Zoo. The City allocates $4 Million from the General Fun for the Zoo each year.

Commissioner Mazzola explained that the budget shows a 5% increase in wages for salar standardization; however, the Mayor vetoed the salary increases for City employees. M Arnold said that the Society will not increase the actual dollars paid to employees but would se up an escrow account. If the City pays increases to City employees then this "set aside" woul be used to pay employees at the Zoo. Commissioner Mazzola was puzzled that the City state that it cannot afford to pay salary increases but allocates money for a wage increase. He wa appalled that the City says it cannot afford to pay City employees salary increases yet both th Zoological Society and the City sets aside money for salary increases.

On recommendation of the Joint Zoo Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Char seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16904

RESOLVED, That this Commission accepts the San Francisco Zoological Society operatin budget for fiscal year ending 6/30/95 for the San Francisco Zoological Gardens.

5. **SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS**
SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY
OPERATING BUDGET (Continued)

APPROVED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:
Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Farrow, Immendorf, Rovetti
Noes: Commissioner Mazzola
Absent: Commissioners Ruiz, Sommer

6. **KEZAR STADIUM**
OPERATION AND PERMIT POLICY
SALE OF ALCOHOL

Reconsideration of trial sale of alcohol at Kezar Stadium for a six month period.

Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold, explained that on 2/17/94 the Commission approved a change in the Operation and Permit Policy for Kezar Stadium to allow a six month trial period for alcohol sales at Kezar Stadium. At the time this was recommended and approved there were certain representations about the amount of money that would be raised and there was a substantial amount of controversy about whether this was a good idea. Staff has reviewed the projected revenues from the sale of alcohol and determined that it would be quite minimal. Mr. Arnold projected that alcohol Sales at Kezar would generate $15,000 to $20,000 in revenue for the Department. Based on the minimal revenues and the substantial opposition to this proposal, staff recommended that the Commission reconsider this issue.

Margareta Ekblad, a neighbor and part of the Panhandle Resident Association, explained that she patrolled the streets and sees the activities of the neighborhood. She personally opposed the sale of alcohol, particularly at Kezar, a facility to be used by youngsters, and urged the Commission to reconsider its vote.

Valerie Pope, vice president of Residents Against Drugees (RAD), was very aware of the affects from alcohol and drug abuse. She presented a letter from the President of RAD opposing the sale of alcohol at Kezar Stadium. She said that the Cole Valley Improvement Association and the Haight Ashbury Neighborhood Council also oppose the sale of alcohol at Kezar. The stadium is too close to residential areas and its use is mainly for young people. She did not think anyone would benefit by the sale of alcoholic beverages.

Vostoch Licko, a member of the Height Ashbury Neighborhood Coalition, said that sport activities do not necessarily go hand-in-hand with alcohol. The area is already impacted with violence and the sale of alcohol at a public place would only worsen the situation. The availability of Kezar for young people is very important and he urged the Commission to not consider a trial sale of alcohol at Kezar Stadium.

David Crommie, a member of the Board of Directors of Cole Valley Improvement Association, and delegate for San Francisco Neighborhoods, explained that at a recent meeting of the San Francisco Neighborhood Coalition, a resolution was unanimously passed urging the Recreation and Park Commission to rescind its decision to allow the sale of alcohol at Kezar Stadium. He said the bonds for Kezar Stadium were suppported by the public on the understanding that the stadium was for community groups, local high schools, and sports leagues. A major policy change would betray the trust of the voters and the mission of this recreational facility.

6. **KEZAR STADIUM**
OPERATION AND PERMIT POLICY
SALE OF ALCOHOL (Continued)

Larry Burgheimer, a member of the Kezar/Poly Neighborhood Association, lives across th street from the stadium, and said that Recreation and Park does not need to convey to th public that the use of alcohol or any other drug at Kezar Stadium is an acceptable source revenue for the Department.

Margaret Brodkin, Director of Coleman Advocates for Children and Youth, supported the sta recommendation and thanked the Commission for reconsidering this issue. From the perspective the stadium is a recreational opportunity and there is a need to be pro-active ar aggressive in promotion of youth policies for the City. Anything that restricts opportunities f youth recreation should be discouraged. She said the message given is that adults want drink but children cannot. She finally stated that the KCBS radio station recently gave a editorial asking the Commission to rescind its recent decision.

Estela Becerra, a member of the Kezar Advisory Committee, and Kezar/Poly Associatio appreciated that the Commission reconsidered this issue, and said that a great deal of time ar energy went into planning the Kezar Operation Permit Policy. She said the main purpose of th stadium is for sports and athletic events, principally for youth and the community. The stadiu is in a residential area and the sale and use of alcohol will invite crime, vandalism and litter the neighborhood She opposed the sale and use of alcohol in the stadium and felt it wou commercialize the facility.

Donna Gouse, representing the Haight Ashbury Neighborhood Council (HANC), urged th Commission to rescind its policy to allow the sale of alcohol at Kezar Stadium. She said th stadium should remain a facility to serve the youth and community and be a free, public servi facility.

James Beck, a resident of the Haight Ashbury, representing the Haight Ashbury Free Clin said the Clinic, for the last 28 years, has been committed to prevention of alcohol and dr abuse in the Haight. He felt that privatizing a public facility which was designed for youth a adding the sale of alcohol would only exacerbate problems. He strongly opposed the sale alcohol at Kezar.

Kenneth Brown, a resident of the area and a member of the Kezar Advisory Committe explained that he wrote an extensive letter to the Mayor and gave an impartial and logic analysis of the major factors that entered into the decision to sell alcohol at Kezar. Since th Commission meeting on this issue, a petition with over 500 signatures was presented to th Mayor. At least 95% of the people questioned were opposed to this proposal. He hoped th Commission would disapprove the sale of alcohol at Kezar Stadium.

Josefa Perez, raised 5 children in the Western Addition and said there are very few resourc in that part of the City. All of her children have used Kezar Stadium at one time or another a it appalled her that the sale of alcohol at Kezar would be considered. She noted that there a liquor stores and bars on every corner of her community and it is devastated by alcohol a drugs. She would not allow her kids to use Kezar if alcohol was sold and would boycott th facility.

6. **KEZAR STADIUM**
OPERATION AND PERMIT POLICY
SALE OF ALCOHOL (Continued)

Kristin Maberley, a resident of the neighborhood, has 2 elementary aged children and opposed the sale of alcohol. Her children participated in a special program funded by the School District regarding the use of alcohol and felt that the children were receiving a double message. There should be places where people can play without dispensing alcohol and the sale of alcohol makes children question adults and they are taught.

Rennie O'Brien, said the last time he appeared before the Commission approved the sale of alcohol for a six month period. In the last 4 days he collected signatures in support of the sale of alcohol at Kezar and noted that beer is sold at Kezar Pavilion. He wondered what would be done if a neighborhood association near Candlestick Park decided beer should not be sold at that stadium. He represented many people who want to play at Kezar Stadium to get their moment of fame. Rugby events, San Francisco Tigers, St. Ignatius High School and others who played at Kezar in the past will not be using the facility in the future. He said that 50% of the time Kezar is empty. Mr. O'Brien recently attended the Cinco de Mayo event at Civic Center Plaza and saw a large banner advertising beer. The banner represents sponsorship money that is needed to offset the operating costs associated with the rental of facilities. He said that in one year there will be no adult teams using the stadium and that was not the intent of the Kezar Stadium.

Nancy Cutler, a neighbor to Kezar Stadium and a parent, opposed the sale of alcohol. She said that she can look out her window onto Kezar and sees that it is used all day long and into the evening. The Stadium may not have as many commercial events but people who raise kids in the City want to have recreational areas that are not commercialized.

Commissioner Rovetti explained that he was not present at the meeting when the vote was taken on this issue because he was in the hospital. He played at Kezar Stadium when he attended USF and when he played for the 49ers. He felt there was no reason to sell alcohol at Kezar Stadium and hoped that his fellow commissioners would concur with his sentiment and oppose the sale of alcohol at Kezar Stadium.

In response to Commissioner Chan's request regarding staff's revenue projection from the sale of alcohol, Mr. Arnold said they assumed that the sale of alcohol would be permitted for adult sporting events only. He projected the number of adult sporting events based on 1000 participants per event, with one-third of the people purchasing beer at a cost of $4.00 per beer. The percentage payable to the Department would be in the range of 10% generating $10,000 to $20,000 to the Department. This computation was estimated and based on the very little data which is available.

Commissioner Chan said when he voted for this he thought a six month trial period was fair but given the cost figures presented by staff and the major opposition presented by the neighborhood the revenues may not be reasonable.

President Immendorf said that the primary reason a trial period was approved was based on bleak financial outlook for the Department given the budget problems it faces. He felt the Commission acted responsibly but has been approached by many groups to reconsider this decision and find other ways to generate revenue for the Department.

6. **KEZAR STADIUM**
OPERATION AND PERMIT POLICY
SALE OF ALCOHOL (Continued)

Commissioner Mazzola voted in favor of this issue in February and intended to vote again rescinding it because the arguments had not changed. He did not want more alcoh consumption in the community but he was worried about the survival of adult sports an believed that sponsorships are needed for them. He felt that a trial period should be permitte to see if adult sports can flourish with the help of sponsors. Secondly, he believed that mone is needed for the Department to maintain the Stadium.

On motion of Commissioner Rovetti, seconded by Commissioner Chan, the following resolutic was adopted:

RES. NO. 16905

RESOLVED, That this Commission rescinds its action of February 17, 1994 to allow the sale alcohol at Kezar Stadium on a trial basis for a six month period.

APPROVED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:
Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Farrow, Immendorf, Rovetti
Noes: Commissioner Mazzola
Absent: Commissioners Ruiz, Sommer

The Commission recessed from 3:10 p.m. to 3:25 p.m.

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7. **JOSE CORONADO PLAYGROUND**
RENOVATION

Approval of playground renovation project at Jose Coronado Playground.

Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold, explained at the Parks and Planning Committee th staff presented an alternative plan to renovate Jose Coronado Playground that had not bee presented at a public hearing. Staff was proposing that the alternative be considered and th Committee asked staff to take the alternative plan to a public hearing before the Commissio considered the plan. Staff did not have time to schedule a hearing and has now been advise that the alternative plan is not feasible. Therefore staff proposed that this item be delayed or month to give adequate notice that the plan previously agreed upon at the last communi meeting will be presented to the Commission for approval in June.

On motion of Commissioner Chan, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, this item was referre to next month's meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission.

8. **GOLDEN GATE PARK**
CORPORATION YARD
UNDERGROUND FUEL TANK

Approval of underground fuel tank replacement at entrance to the Corporation Yard, Golde Gate Park.

8. **GOLDEN GATE PARK**
CORPORATION YARD
UNDERGROUND FUEL TANK (Continued)

Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold, explained that substantial savings in fuel costs will be realized by the Department relocating and replacing its old fuel tanks at the Corporation Yard. The pumps will be moved to the entrance of the Corporation Yard at Martin Luther King Drive. The area will be screened with plantings and what is now a two lane asphalt road will be split into a single lane asphalt road. A fence will be placed with 2 gates on each side permitting one way access. The fuel pumps will be located 20' inside the fenced area with a turnaround allowing other vehicles, other than Recreation and Park departmental vehicles, to swing in, fuel and leave. Currently, non-department vehicles must drive into the Corporation Yard to fuel. The entrance to the Corporation Yard will be screened so that the public view is no longer of an asphalt area. The Park Patrol Office will be relocated closer to this area to offer supervision of the fuel tank area and to have more visible access to the outside of the park.

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Farrow, seconded by Commissioner Mazzola, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16906

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the placement of the underground fuel tank at entrance to the Corporation Yard, Golden Gate Park.

9. **PERMIT AND RESERVATIONS POLICY**
SIX MONTH REVIEW

Review of the Permit and Reservation Policy for use of facilities under the jurisdiction of the Recreation and Park Department as required by Park Code Section 7.05, Resolution No. 16640.

Superintendent of Recreation, Joel Robinson, explained that the Permit and Reservation Policy requires a six month review by the Commission. Staff proposed several changes to the existing policy which he outlined:

❶Amplified Sound at Justin Herman Plaza. Staff proposed that all requests be administratively approved that fall within the existing policy, allowing amplified sound Monday through Friday 12:00 noon to 1:30 p.m. or 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., not to exceed 2 consecutive hours, and Sundays and holidays from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. not to exceed 2 consecutive hours. Any request that varies from existing policy would be brought to the Commission for approval. This is a result of the accommodation that was made for the ice skating rink at Justin Herman Plaza when the Commission permitted amplified sound outside of the existing policy.

❷Marx Meadow. Staff changed the policy limiting the amplified sound at Marx Meadow from 4 hours to 2 hours on one day on alternating weekends. This formula was difficult to administer. Therefore staff asked that amplified sound be allowed one day per weekend rather than alternating the weekends. This policy was adopted to mitigate some of the problems that have occurred at Marx Meadow associated with large parties and the use of amplified sound. Since the policy has been in effect there has been fewer events of this kind and a decrease in complaints from the neighborhood.

9. **PERMIT AND RESERVATIONS POLICY**
SIX MONTH REVIEW (Continued)

❸Road Closures. Under existing policy all road closures must be approved by th Commission. The proposed change is to administratively approve the road closures if the have occurred in the past without incident and if it is the same promoter as in past years. A new road closures and closures that have presented problems would be reviewed by th Commission.

❹Closure of Hagiwara Tea Garden Drive. In the past year, events on Hagiwara Tea Garde Drive have become popular. There are many requests to close Hagiwara Tea Garden Driv and some of those requests have extended to mid-day and later. Staff has discouraged thi type of request because it is difficult for the institutions in Golden Gate Park to operate whe the road is closed, it disrupts the bus routes and parking of vehicles in the area. Sta recommended that the roads not be closed beyond 11:00 a.m., however the Committe recommended that the hour be changed to no longer than 10:00 a.m.

❺In-Kind Services. All in-kind services shall be approved or ratified by the Commission.

❻Multiple day permits and road closures that are approved administratively will be reported t the Commission in the General Manager's Report.

General Manager, Mary E. Burns, explained that there are events that have traditionally take place at Hagiwara Tea Garden Drive past 10:00 a.m., such as the Run to the Far Side, a fun raiser for the California Academy of Sciences, which opens the road no later than 11:00 a.m.

Commissioner Chan explained that Commissioner Sommer suggested the hour of 10:00 a.m. t benefit the institutions in the park.

C. H. Elise, representing Big Noise Productions, explained that the amplified sound restrictio at Marx Meadow creates a problem for her group. She wanted to stage benefits in this are with 4 or 5 bands performing. She said it was very difficult to rush people on and off stage in hours and asked that special consideration be given for the type of events she stages as the are well organized and controlled.

Kaya Hunt, representing Big Noise Productions, said it is summer time and they wanted t celebrate the rites of summer. Two hours of amplified sound is not sufficient because there is 30 minute time period between bands for set-up and take-down. She asked if 4 hours c amplified sound could be permitted for the Marx Meadow area in the park.

Tom Osher, asked why there was only a 2 hour amplified sound restriction for Marx Meado and wondered why Speedway Meadow could not be used for amplified sound. He felt that a least 6 hours of amplified sound seemed reasonable for Marx Meadow. He said there was need for flexibility and that the policy was too restrictive.

Mr. Robinson said that not all events in Marx Meadow have abused the amplified sound polic and that when the bandshell renovation is completed it will be an appropriate venue for thi type of activity as the sound restriction is more liberal in this area of the park. Marx Meadow i closely located to homes across the street and neighbors have complained to the Departmer and the Richmond Police Station. Lindley and Speedway Meadows are reserved primarily a picnic areas and the amplified sound restrictions are even more stringent.

9. PERMIT AND RESERVATIONS POLICY
SIX MONTH REVIEW (Continued)

In response to Ms. Burns' request for clarification on the issue of reporting permits in the General Manager's Report, Commissioner Chan said that permits for multiple day events, in-kind services, and road closures should be reported through the General Manager's report.; not for every permit the Department issues.

In response to Commissioner Mazzola's question, Mr. Robinson explained that Sigmund Stern Grove allows amplified sound and the restrictions are more liberal for that site.

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Chan, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16907

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the following amendments to the Permit and Reservation Policy for use of facilities under the jurisdiction of the Recreation and Park Department as required by Park Code Section 7.05:

❶Amplified Sound at Justin Herman Plaza. Any request that varies from the current restriction shall be considered individually by the Recreation and Park Commission

❷Marx Meadow. Amplified sound shall be allowed one day per weekend.

❸Road Closures shall be approved administratively if they have occurred in the past without incident and if it is the same promoter as in past years. All new road closures and closures that have presented problems would be reviewed by the Commission.

❹Hagiwara Tea Garden Drive shall be opened no later than 11:00 a.m.

❺All in-kind services shall be approved or ratified by the Commission.

❻Multiple day permits and road closures that are approved administratively shall be reported to the Commission in the General Manager's Report.

10. GOLDEN GATE PARK
LE TOUR DE SANFRANCEISCO BICYCLE EVENT
ROAD CLOSURES/PERMIT FEE

Approval of permit fee and road closures in Golden Gate Park and along the Great Highway on Sunday, July 10, 1994, from 7:00 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. for Le Tour de sanFRANCEcisco Bicycle event.

10. GOLDEN GATE PARK
LE TOUR DE SANFRANCEISCO BICYCLE EVENT
ROAD CLOSURES/PERMIT FEE (Continued)

Superintendent of Recreation, Joel Robinson, explained that this item is a request for a roa closure in connection with a bicycle race. He outlined the road closures to the Commission an said this event has been held in the past without incident. The event draws about 300 bicyclists and is well organized. The normal $1.00 participant fee per registered rider will b charged although the promoter has expressed his concern about the fee and felt it was to high. Staff did not want to make an exception to any one group and recommended th Commission approve the permit fee and road closures.

Emile J. Lacampagne, said the Le Tour de SanFRANCEcisco event has been held for the las 15 years and over 50,000 have participated in the event. He appeared before the Parks an Planning Committee to voice his opposition to the participant fee, which he has voiced for th last 3 years. The riders are opposed to the participant fee because it represents a doubl taxation and they use the park for an average of 7 minutes. The issue is the blanke assessment fee and the assumption that the promoter would raise the entry fee. He said h would not raise the entry fee and has not done so in the last 3 years. Rather, he wanted t review the participant fee policy and said that, with great regret, he would be forced to cance his event for the first time in 15 years. He simply could not manage the event with th outstanding issue of the fee.

President Immendorf asked if the event was being canceled because of the $1.00 participan fee. Mr. Lacampagne said that he understood that the Parks and Planning Committee woul review the participant fee policy but it would not do so for another 6 months.

Commissioner Chan explained that at the Committee meeting Mr. Lacampagne's argument wa that if his group only spent a short time period in the park then the fee should be modifie Commissioner Chan felt that assessing the participant fee based on the time spent in the par would be impossible to administer and informed Mr. Lacampagne that the Permit an Reservation Policy is reviewed every six months and that perhaps the participant fee could b considered for small event promoters at that time.

After much discussion, and in light of the statement made by Mr. Lacampagne that the ever was canceled, the Commission did not consider the road closure or the permit fee.

11. GREAT HIGHWAY
ESCAPE FROM ALCATRAZ TRIATHALON
ROAD CLOSURES/PERMIT FEE

Approval of permit fee and road closures along the Great Highway on Saturday, July 16, 199 for the 14th annual Escape from Alcatraz Triathalon.

Superintendent of Recreation, Joel Robinson, outlined the road closures for this event an said there has not been any problems with this event in past years. The event is small, wit only 15-20 people participating in the event. He recommended approval of the road closur and permit fee.

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning Committee, and on motion of Commissione Farrow, seconded by Commissioner Mazzola, the following resolution was adopted:

11. **GREAT HIGHWAY**
ESCAPE FROM ALCATRAZ TRIATHALON
ROAD CLOSURES/PERMIT FEE (Continued)

RES. NO. 16908

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the permit fee and road closures along the Great Highway on Saturday, July 16, 1994, for the 14th annual Escape from Alcatraz Triathalon.

12. **GOLDEN GATE PARK**
AIDS WALK
ROAD CLOSURES/PERMIT FEE

Approval of permit fee and road closures in Golden Gate Park on Sunday, July 17, 1994, from 8:00 am until 1:30 p.m. for the Annual AIDS Walk.

Superintendent of Recreation, Joel Robinson, outlined the road closures for the 8th annual AIDS walk and said the anticipated attendance is 15,000. Last year, approximately 12,000 participated in the event which is well organized. The participant fee is $1.00 per person and he recommended approval of the road closures and permit fee.

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Rovetti, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16909

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the permit fee and road closures in Golden Gate Park on Sunday, July 17, 1994, from 8:00 am until 1:30 p.m. for the Annual AIDS Walk.
permit fee and road closures in Golden Gate

13. **GOLDEN GATE PARK**
SAN FRANCISCO MARATHON
ROAD CLOSURES/PERMIT FEE

Approval of permit fee and road closures in Golden Gate Park and the Great Highway on Sunday, July 31, 1994, from 6:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. , for the San Francisco Marathon.

Superintendent of Recreation, Joel Robinson, outlined the route for the road closures for this event. Originally, the group wanted to use Hagiwara Tea Garden Drive but staff persuaded them to use a different route through Bowling Green Drive, to Middle Drive and then to Kezar Stadium. The event was held last year with a similar route that did not present a problem to the park. Mr. Robinson was recently informed that Kezar Drive is under the jurisdiction of Recreation and Park. However, the promoter has already received approval from Inter-Safety Committee on Traffic and Transportation (ISCOTT) to close a portion of Kezar Drive. Next year if the event does end in Kezar Stadium staff will ask for permission to close this portion of Kezar Drive. The Kezar Drive road closure did back up traffic towards 19th Avenue last year but the rest of the event occurred without incident. The Marathon expects 3,000 to 5,000 participants and the $1.00 participant fee will be charged.

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Chan, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

13. GOLDEN GATE PARK
SAN FRANCISCO MARATHON
ROAD CLOSURES/PERMIT FEE (Continued)

RES. NO. 16910

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the permit fee and road closures in Golden Gat Park and the Great Highway on Sunday, July 31, 1994, from 6:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. , for th San Francisco Marathon.

14. NAMING AND/OR CHANGING THE DESIGNATION OF FACILITIES POLICY
CAMP MATHER SOFTBALL FIELD

Consideration to name the softball field at Camp Mather in memory of Justin "Bumper" Smit Field.

Heavy Equipment Supervisor, Dwain Swain, explained that Justin Smith had a lon connection and career with Camp Mather having begun working there as a lifeguard and subsequent years working as the Camp office manager. In later years he became a Sa Francisco Firefighter and continued his participation at Camp Mather by serving as fire marsha for the Bluegrass Festivals held at Camp Mather for its spring and summer festivals. Just passed away last summer. Mr. Swain asked that the unnamed ball field at Camp Mather b named in honor of Justin Bumper Smith. The request was supported by Dick Minderman, th former camp manager as well as the San Francisco Fire Department.

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning Committee, and on motion of Commissione Mazzola, seconded by Commissioner Chan, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16911

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the naming of the softball field at Camp Mather memory of Justin "Bumper" Smith.

15. NAMING AND/OR CHANGING THE DESIGNATION OF FACILITIES POLICY
BALBOA STADIUM

Consideration to rename Balboa Stadium in memory of Matthew J. Boxer.

Commissioner Rovetti explained that the name of Matt Boxer is a very familiar name to thos who play soccer. Matt Boxer was a very important person to the City, was president of th United States Soccer Association and was instrumental in getting the World Cup Soccer in th United States in 1994. He was involved in Bay Area politics and dedicated his life to you soccer. He suggested that Balboa Stadium be renamed in his honor.

Al Teglia, a member of the City Council for Daly City, was present on behalf of Coun Supervisor Mary Griffin of San Mateo County who served on the Millbrae City Council whe Matt Boxer was councilman; later he became Mayor of Millbrae. He said that Matt came up th roadways of life on his own and sponsored soccer in San Mateo County and was always sponsor of youth activities. He encouraged the Commission to change the name of Balbo Stadium to Matthew J. Boxer Stadium in his honor.

15. NAMING AND/OR CHANGING THE DESIGNATION OF FACILITIES POLICY
BALBOA STADIUM (Continued)

President Immendorf explained that Senator Kopp was going to be present to speak in support of this name change and that last year Supervisor Kevin Shelley introduced a resolution at the Board of Supervisors urging the Recreation and Park Commission to rename the facility in Matt Boxer's name. He encouraged the Commission to honor Commissioner Rovetti's request.

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Farrow, seconded by Commissioner Mazzola, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16912

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves renaming Balboa Stadium to Matthew J. Boxer Stadium.

16. MARINA YACHT HARBOR
MARINA MASTER PLAN

Approval of design project with the Department of Public Works for breakwaters at West Harbor and Gas House for the Marina Yacht Harbor.

Note for the Record: This item was removed from the Calendar.

17. BAY TO BREAKERS RACE
IN-KIND SERVICE

Ratification of the in-kind service, valued at $30,000, to be provided by Examiner Charities to the Recreation and Park Department in lieu of the permit fee for the Bay-to-Breakers race which was held on May 15, 1994.

Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold, explained that the Bay to Breakers sponsor appeared before the Commission last month and requested that the permit fee of $60,000 be split to a $30,000 cash payment and $30,000 in the form of an in-kind service. The Commission directed staff to meet with the sponsor to develop the actual service. Bay to Breakers has written a letter which outlines the type of service they will provide which include eight quarter page advertisement spaces to advertise Recreation and Park events and programs. Formerly, the Department published a program of services but most of that money has been deleted from the budget with the elimination of the Public Relations Office. The Examiner has a wide circulation and this service will enhance the Department's ability to promote and advertise its programs. The Examiner will offer assistance to the Teen Newspaper Program which is of value to the Department

On motion of Commissioner Farrow, seconded by Commissioner Rovetti, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16913

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies the in-kind service, valued at $30,000, to be provided by Examiner Charities to the Recreation and Park Department for the permit fee in connection with the Bay-to-Breakers race held on May 15, 1994, as follows:

eight quarter page advertisement spaces in the San Francisco Examiner
---------- to the Teen Newspaper Program

18. RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT
FOOD VENDING PUSHCART/MOBILE TRUCK/BOOTH CONCESSION

Approval of a one year permit with a one year option for the food vending pushcart/mobil truck/booth concessions on Recreation and Park Department property.

Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold, explained that historically a one year permit i issued for the Department's mobile push cart concession. This year staff asked that the polic be changed to offer a one year option to renew the permits, thereby allowing a 2 year permit the vendor satisfies specific requirements. Those requirements are:

- Makes all monthly payments on or before due date
- Resolves all outstanding debts, particularly with local, Federal and State agencies
- Properly submits the monthly payment statement on time when due
- Reports sales accurately sales on the monthly payment statement
- Maintains the equipment and location(s)
- Submits no "insufficient funds" checks
- Uses the Department's umbrella or canopy (so all push carts are standardized)
- Meets all other terms and conditions of the permit

If the vendor satisfies those provisions then staff would like the Commission to approve th administrative extension of the permit for one additional year. Staff believes that a 2 yea permit will increase the number of people who apply for these permits and possibly increase th rental payments.

President Immendorf said that this item was heard at the Committee level where the Committe modified the deadline for submission of bids from 5/24/94 to 6/7/94.

On recommendation of the Finance and Candlestick Committee, and on motion Commissioner Chan, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopte

RES. NO. 16914

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves a one year permit with a one year option for th food vending pushcart/mobile truck/booth concessions on Recreation and Park Departme property at the following locations:

Golden Gate Park Locations:
- Big Rec Baseball Field
- Polo Field (outside only)
- Spreckles Lake
- JFK Drive at 6th Avenue
- King Drive Playground
- Conservatory of Flowers (East Wing Parking Area)

Neighborhood Locations:
- Marina Green (East and West)
- Crocker Amazon
- Beach Chalet Soccer and West Sunset
- 900 Great Highway (Cabrillo)
- 1100 Great Highway (Lincoln Way)

19. CANDLESTICK PARK
PARKING LOT #6 -PARCEL #4977
PERMIT WITH CITY PARK

Approval of a month-to-month permit with City Park to operate a parking lot on Lot 6, Parc #4977, adjacent to the Candlestick Park and to charge $3.00 per parked car.

19. CANDLESTICK PARK
PARKING LOT #6 -PARCEL #4977
PERMIT WITH CITY PARK (Continued)

Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold, explained that recently there has been a parking lot issue at Candlestick Park where allegations have been made that some of the parking taxes have not been paid to the City. This Department has a very small piece of property that has been used for parking at Candlestick Park outside of the paved lot. (The paved parking lot is operated by the Giants during baseball season and the 49ers during football season.) This small piece of property has been used for paid parking by City Park under a permit with the Recreation and Park Department for the last 3 years. It is a site that handles somewhere between 24 and 40 cars depending on whether the site is used as a transit route into a larger parking lot or whether it is just used to park cars. Staff has decided that this lot should be bid rather than issued an administrative permit. However, the bidding process will take until July and since the baseball season began in April, staff recommended that a 3 month permit be issued to City Park, the current operator. City Park leases the areas surrounding this small piece of property and has a permit from the Fire Department to operate the parking lots. The Department will be paid $3.00 per parked vehicle under the terms of the permit. Last year, the Department received over $10,000 in revenue from this piece of land for both baseball and football seasons. By July, a formal bid will be presented to the Commission.

On recommendation of the Finance and Candlestick Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Farrow, seconded by Commissioner Chan, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16915

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves a month-to-month permit with City Park to operate a parking lot on Lot 6, Parcel #4977, adjacent to the Candlestick Park and to charge $3.00 per parked car.

20. FOOD NOT BOMBS
PERMIT APPLICATION

Discussion of the request from Food Not Bombs for multiple day event at Civic Center Plaza.

Superintendent of Recreation, Joel Robinson, explained that staff has received a request from the Food Not Bombs organization for a multiple day permit to serve food in connection with a recreational event in Civic Center Plaza. This request was received a number of weeks ago. Staff responded and asked for additional information from the organization. By the time the information was given by Food Not Bombs the originally requested dates had lapsed

Mr. Robinson distributed a report from the last permit issued to Food Not Bombs on April 30, 1994 for use of the Bandshell in Golden Gate Park. Staff had many concerns because, in the past, when Food Not Bombs was issued a permit there were serious violations. Civic Center Plaza is a heavily used area and there is a need for passive recreation and open space. Issuing a permit for a continuous event of any kind to any organization, particularly one that has a history of problems in abiding by the terms of the permit concerns staff. If the Commission conceptually issued a permit to this organization Mr. Robinson recommended that a number of conditions be placed on that approval such as:

•A trial period be established so that staff can monitor this organization to determine if they are willing to live within the conditions contained in the permit.

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PERMIT APPLICATION (Continued)

•The organization pay all fees, bonds, and provide all insurance associated with the permit.

•The permit conditions imposed be the same as with any recreational event that would b located at Civic Center Plaza such as:

- •providing portable restrooms
- •no tenting or anchoring of material on Recreation and Park property
- •a transportation plan be provided
- •all avenues of access across the Plaza not be impeded to restrict flow to the Main Library or to City Hall
- •There shall be a designated spot for the recreational events as described in the permit request (such as food service area)
- •staff be allowed a time to monitor compliance with the rules and regulations

Staf will then report to the Commission its findings so that a recommendation could be made t the Commission as to whether permits should be continued to be issued.

In response to President Immendorf's question, Mr. Robinson said the trial period should be n more than 3 days in a one week period so that staff could be on-site, similar to the process sta just experienced with the large event held in the Polo Field, where staff witnessed the set-u and the break-down of the event. After that three day period a report would be prepared for th Commission in order for it to make a determination. The trial period would evaluate whethe Civic Center is an appropriate site. Mr. Robinson said the Food Not Bombs request for recreational activity is described as dancing and street theatre to be provided on the plaza.

Tom Osher, explained that he did not represent Food Not Bombs, but was someone who ha been involved with Food Not Bombs for 6 years. He was open to discussing dates for a perm and commented that the Commission is aware that Food Not Bombs serves food twice a day a Civic Center Plaza without a permit. Food Not Bombs is trying to find a way to not be arreste The Commission had previously issued a permit which it later suspended. He said that during Food Not Bombs trial Mr. Robinson testified if they had a permit from Recreation and Parl along with a food permit, it was a possible to use the park. Therefore, they submitted a perm request. He said that they will serve food at Civic Center Plaza every day because they ar there to make a political point about human rights and are present to feed because of th emergency situation of people on the street without food. He said that people come fo vegetarian food even though there are other places to go and that the police often take awa the food. They have a constitutional right to assemble and express their views. He felt that th permit process restricted that right. He said the health permits required in the past wer inappropriate for their food distribution activity and that the City should provide park spac They want to give away food in front of City Hall because they want to make a politic statement.

President Immendorf suggested that Food Not Bombs apply for a permit at a specific locatio for a specific date and describe the activity. If they complied with the policy of the Recreatio and Park Department, a permit would be issued.

20. FOOD NOT BOMBS
PERMIT APPLICATION (Continued)

Timothy Schober, a homeless person, said that the police have informed him that he could go to Glide Memorial Church to eat but he finds that Glide seasons its food with pepper which gives him heartburn. He preferred to use the services of Food Not Bombs because their food is not spicy and he can sleep better.

John Kimber, has lived in San Francisco for 2-1/2 years and worked a number of years in Brooklyn volunteering at homeless shelters. He said many homeless people have made great contributions to society including Vietnam veterans. Parks should benefit all people, including the homeless. He further explained that Mayor Jordan wrote an article in a neighborhood newspaper stating that Food Not Bombs needed to obtain a permit. He said the City needed to make available a permit for Food Not Bombs with reasonable conditions so they can serve food.

Nikki Ion, stated that Recreation and Park should issue a permit to Food Not Bombs because they are arrested regularly. A permit would help them get food to hungry people regularly without harassment from the police and would prevent people from spending time in jail. She felt there was no reason a permit should not be issued as they are practicing their First Amendment rights and parks are for everybody.

Richard Chandler, viewed the application of a permit as a stop-gap effort to curtail, for a short time period, the harassment, arrest and brutilization of Food not Bombs' food servers. He said that Mr. Robinson outlined numerous requirements and that they have a civil right to feed hungry people, and to protest poverty in a public place. He thought the Recreation and Park Commission was abusing its power because the Board of Supervisors passed a resolution by a vote of 7 to 2 urging that Food Not Bombs be allowed to serve the hungry on park property. He said that the police presence with their vehicles take up a lot more space at Civic Center Plaza then the homeless and the servers from Food Not Bombs. He felt it was time to end the harassment and reverse its policy and that there were better ways to spend City money than to harass Food Not Bombs.

President Immendorf reminded those present that the Commission's role is to enforce the Park Code and to not get involved in the political issue. He said the policy is very clear that parks are not a proper venue to serve food and if there is a legitimate recreational purpose a permit would be issued. He suggested that Food Not Bombs make an application to Mr. Robinson and that if Food Not Bombs complied with the same rules and regulations as every other group a permit would be issued.

On motion of Commissioner Mazzola, seconded by Commissioner Chan, the Commission tabled this item until such time as Food Not Bombs submitted a request for a permit.

21. SETTLEMENT OF CLAIM

Approval of proposed settlement of the litigated claim of Curtis Cox in the amount of $7,500.

Note for the Record: This item was removed from the Calendar.

22. PUBLIC COMMENT

Peter Podchernikoff, supported the activities of Food Not Bombs to serve free food to needy people in a public space. He believed that they are exercising their First Amendment right o free speech and to assemble. He said it was improper for the City to end the permit process was improper and felt that Food Not Bombs was doing a good deed to people who have a great need. He wanted Recreation and Park to consider the permit process again so that they could serve free food in parks or a public square. He noted that in recent Food Not Bombs literature it stated that during the Mayor's campaign, he served free food in Golden Gate Park He urged the Commission to reconsider issuing a permit to Food Not Bombs.

Tim Schober, a homeless person, asked if any of the Commission members would feed him twice a day at their homes since it would not give Food Not Bombs a permit.

Emeric Kalman, a berthholder at the Marina, asked if it was the responsibility of managemen to make sure that unauthorized public monies are identified and disclosed rather thar deception. He has been asking the Marina Harbor management how many berths are empty and they told him 5. He said there are 25 to 30 berths that are vacant and wanted to know how much revenue was lost through these vacant berths. He received a response to his letter from President Immendorf regarding this request but said it was public knowledge that there are empty berths at the Marina and that management is not marketing or trying to fill the berths This loss of income resulted in a 30% increase to the berthholders. He further explained tha the Marina hired people to make repairs on wood that is rotted. He said that the problem at the Marina is decay and corrosion, not the need for breakwaters.

Commissioner Rovetti said at the last meeting of the Golf, Yacht Harbor and Camp Mathe Committee, Mr. Kalman accused the commissioners of being a "rubber stamp" commission. He said that all of the commissioners are volunteers and do their homework. He has never beer asked to vote a certain way by staff nor a fellow commissioner. He said Mr. Kalman's has made accusations that his letters have been unanswered but there is a record of the Department and Commission responding to his inquiries.

Patricia Vaughney, said that many people who attend meetings also volunteer their time bu that many people are disturbed about information that is being put forth that is simply incorrect She said that she was informed that only one study was done on the Marina Yacht Harbor ye two studies were done. This misinformation disturbs people. She questioned whether the Marina Manager was competent. She said the Marina Master Plan was "on hold" for years an in 60 days it is being rushed through the approval process. She suggested a mediator be hire to resolve the problem of communication between the Department and the neighborhood.

Joan Girardot, representing the Marina Civic Improvement and Property Association, said tha at the 5/2/94 meeting of the Golf, Yacht Harbor and Camp Mather Committee recommendation was made that staff proceed with the design project with the Department c Public Works for breakwaters at West Harbor and Gas House Cove.

22. PUBLIC COMMENT (Continued)

Statement of Joan Girardot (Continued)

Ms. Girardot explained that she has a copy of the guidelines for preparing an application for a small craft harbor development loan issued by the Department of Boating and Water Ways for the State of California. She felt that the process followed by Recreation and Park in 1989 was done improperly as the preliminary engineering analysis was done prior obtaining the loan. She read from the guideline which stated *...The plans and specifications for construction should be prepared after the loan is approved and after construction permits have been obtained...* She said there is a deliberate attempt to subvert the public planning process and that 4 neighborhood associations are against the building of additional breakwater in the outer west harbor, and of robbing them of public open space.

Cyril Hackett, discussed the enormous cost of staging an event at Kezar Stadium. He outlined the excessive costs connected with using this facility and said he may have to use a different facility for future events. He explained that his event draws 300-400 people and costs a flat fee of $900 to rent the stadium, not includingsecurity costs, ticket takers and other associated costs. It costs almost $3,000 to use the Stadium and does not include advertising or insurance costs for the event. He asked the Commission to reconsider the fees charged for the use of Kezar Stadium and to consider reducing some of the costs.

Emile LaCampagne, said that he found President Immendorf to be gracious and kind in his plight with the participant fee for Le Tour deSan Francecisco. However, he felt Commissioner Rovetti and Mazzola's demeanor to be harsh. He informed the Parks and Planning Committee that without a resolution to the participant fee issue he was forced to postpone his event. He has had a 15 year relationship with Recreation and Park and in 15 seconds it was dissolved. He wanted to discuss the participant fee structure to see if a resolution could re reached.

President Immendorf explained that the Commission is constantly faced with difficult issues such as laying off employees, and is forced to generate revenues in order to provide necessary services. He hoped that Mr. LaCampagne could meet with Mr. Robinson and discuss this issue.

Tom Osher, said Food Not Bombs has a terrible relationship with Recreation and Park and he did not understand why. He said they are being harassed by the City because of the Commission's permit process ruling. The Commission has decided that the park should not be used for First Amendment rights or giving free food but allows picnics in the park. Serving food to the homeless is a picnic for poor people. Food Not Bombs is also exercising its First Amendment rights and served food in Boston for 10 years without getting arrested. He asked the Commission to reconsider its policy and said that a 3 day permit was useless because they feed the homeless every day.

22. PUBLIC COMMENT (Continued)

Janette Barroca, a resident of the Marina District and a director of the Marina Civic Improvement and Property Owner Association, explained that she heard comments from President Immendorf that the Department needed revenue. She said there are 30 vacant berths at the Marina Yacht Harbor and if they were rented it would bring additional revenue to the Department and the City. However, nobody supervises the management at the Marina Yacht Harbor.

23. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Note for the Record: The President did not submit a report.

24 COMMISSION COMMITTEE REPORTS

The following Commission Committee reports were submitted for the record:

·Joint Zoo Committee meeting of April 6, 1994
·Recreation Program Committee Meeting of April 27, 1994
·Golf, Yacht Harbor and Camp Mather Committee meeting of May 2, 1994.
·Parks and Planning Committee meeting of May 3, 1994
·Finance and Candlestick Committee meeting of May 5, 1994

25. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Commissioner Chan, the meeting was adjourned in memory of Tony Stefani, a retired employee of the Recreation and Park Department who passed away.

On motion of Commissioner Rovetti, the meeting was adjourned in memory of Marian Mitchell Sevenau, a retired employee of the Recreation and Park Department who passed away.

There being no further business, the 693rd Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shauna Marie Rose
Commission Secretary

Note: These minutes set forth all actions taken by the Recreation and Park Commission on matters stated, but not necessarily the chronological order in which the matters were taken up.

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RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION

M I N U T E S

694TH REGULAR MEETING

THURSDAY, JUNE 16, 1994 - 2:00 P.M.

The Six Hundred Ninety Fourth Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Thursday, June 16, 1994 at 2:00 p.m. by President Jack Immendorf.

1. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioner Jack Immendorf, President
Commissioner Larry Mazzola, Vice President
Commissioner Sidney Chan
Commissioner Bella Farrow
Commissioner Vincent J. Rovetti
Commissioner Santiago Ruiz
Commissioner Sue Sommer

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Commissioner Ruiz, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the minutes of the Special Joint Meeting of April 28, 1994, between the Recreation and Park Commission and City Planning Commission were approved as presented and the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 19, 1994, were approved as presented, pending resolution of the remarks made by Joan Girardot, under Public Comment.

3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

General Manager, Mary E. Burns, presented the following report:

"IKEBANA INTERNATIONAL, SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA CHAPTER One of the gifts we are accepting today is a new sound system for the auditorium at the San Francisco County Fair Building. It has been given to us by the San Francisco Bay Area Chapter of Ikebana International, which is no stranger to the Recreation and Park Department. Among the many gifts Ikebana's Beautification Program has provided are 1000 cherry trees for Golden Gate Park and the construction of the Moon Viewing Garden, East meets West Garden, Takamine Garden and Garden of Fragrance at Strybing Arboretum and Botanical Gardens. This new sound system, which includes speakers, a tape deck and cordless microphones, will allow for more versatility and improved sound quality.

3. **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)**

We are honoring our friends of Ikebana today with a special certificate of appreciation. Here to accept the award are Pearl Kimura, Beautification Program chair; Phyllis Cima, immediate Past President; Irma Houser, President; and Norm Cima, who made the project work.

CYNTHIA CRAWFORD We have been notified by the City Purchaser that our Senior Purchaser, Cynthia Crawford, is being transferred to the Clean Water Program in July. Cynthia has been assigned to the Recreation and Park Department for the past two years. She quickly learned the intricacies of our department and became a valuable member of the administrative team. She was always willing to go the extra mile" to ensure that the department's purchases and contracts found their way through the City bureaucracy. We will miss her and wish her well in her new assignment.

BUDGET UPDATE We have received preliminary budget recommendations from the Board of Supervisors' Budget Analyst. The Budget Analyst has targeted the maintenance enhancements at Mission Playground, Civic Center and Union Square for elimination. The effect of this recommendation, if it is accepted by the Board of Supervisors, would be a reduction in Park Division salaries by approximately $451,000. In addition, the Budget Analyst has pointed out that $200,000 is slated for expansion of the aquatics program. While not specifically recommending against this item, Mr. Rose points out that this is an expansion of our existing program and is a "policy matter for the Board to decide" whether to recommend the increase. Also targeted for reduction are various equipment items and $50,000 from the materials and supplies budget. Discussions are continuing. The first hearing by the Budget Committee for our budget is scheduled on June 22.

CHARTER REFORM On Monday, a Charter Amendment was introduced to substantially revise the City's Charter. Introduced by Supervisor Kaufman and co-sponsored by seven Supervisors, it is designed to give clear lines of authority and reduce much of the detailed language in the current document. It significantly changes the language regarding the Recreation and Park Commission and Department, deleting term appointments for the Commission and most of the language describing the functions and authority of the Commission and Department. It does preserve the Open Space and Children's Funds and the language limiting new buildings in Golden Gate Park and mandating recreation programs of the highest quality. It changes the language regarding use of recreation and park land for non-recreation purposes and, for the first time, designates a tax set aside for "constructing, maintaining and improving" parks and playgrounds. The first hearing before the Board of Supervisors is Tuesday, June 21, at 9:00 a.m. At your places is a copy of the latest draft of the Charter Amendment.

MARINA MASTER PLAN On May 23, the Board of Supervisors voted 8-0 to adopt a resolution urging the Mayor to oppose the construction of any additional breakwater in the outer west harbor and to begin dredging of the Marina Harbor immediately. Concerns cited in the resolution are: "The breakwaters may extend out to the open waters, which would effectively destroy the scenic beauty enjoyed by recreationalists." "The Fireboats that were instrumental in quick responses to natural disasters such as the fire in the Marina District after the Loma Prieta Earthquake currently do not have enough clearance to enter the harbor." The Golf, Yacht Harbor and Camp Mather Committee has recommended that a letter be sent to the Mayor and the Board on this matter.

3. **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)**

O'SHAUGHNESSY HOLLOW The Board of Supervisors has recommended that an open space acquisition in Glen Canyon be conducted through eminent domain. This acquisition, known as O'Shaughnessy Hollow, was previously approved by this Commission, but the Real Estate Department has not been able to reach an agreement with the owners on the value of the property. An assessment of this property by departmental staff has identified numerous significant native plant and animal communities on the site.

PACIFIC ROD AND GUN CLUB The Department has learned that a new president has been elected by the Pacific Rod and Gun Club and that the attorney representing the Club before the Regional Water Quality Control Board regarding the order to cease using lead shot has been replaced. The Department is sending a letter to the Pacific Rod and Gun Club requesting that we receive an update as to who the responsible individuals are relative to responding to the requirements of the Regional Water Quality Control Board Order and Compliance Schedule and what their progress has been in meeting the Board Compliance Schedule. I will keep you informed as to what actions the Pacific Rod and Gun Club is taking to comply with the Regional Water Quality Control Board Order.

ZOO NIGHT TOUR 1994 The 33rd annual Night Tour takes place on July 15, 22 and 29. This is an opportunity for members only to experience an exciting, self-guided, behind-the-scenes safari throughout the Zoo. The evening includes a delicious southwestern BBQ dinner and terrific entertainment. Members can feed a giraffe, black rhino or elephant and tour the animal hospital, Insect Zoo, Animal Resource Center and Avian Conservation Center. Night Tour is an exclusive opportunity for members to view the many marvelous improvements at the Zoo, including the newly renovated Otter River Exhibit. If you are interested in attending, please call Zoo Director, David Anderson, for details.

PARK POLICE STATION The Police Department has entered into an agreement with the Recreation and Park Department to temporarily relocate Park Police Station in trailers in a portion of the Kezar parking lot while their building is being renovated. The trailers, which were installed last week behind the old Park Emergency Aid Station, will be there for approximately two years. In addition, Park Station will be utilizing a portion of the Aid Station itself for an exercise room for the police officers.

JEFFERSON SQUARE The Board of Supervisors adopted a resolution finding that the preferred site for the new 911 Center for purposes of further study and environmental review is in Jefferson Square on the south side of Turk Street as close as is practical to the existing center. Funding for the project was approved by the voters on June 7. Still to be worked out is what mitigation will be provided to replace the basketball and tennis courts.

LAKE MAINTENANCE PROBLEMS - VARIOUS PARKS The quantity of algae in the Palace of Fine Arts lagoon has been particularly high this spring. As I reported in April, the impact on the Palace of Fine Arts lagoon is quite severe and has still not been entirely resolved. A second application of chemicals has been recommended by the specialist at the University of California at Davis. In addition, we have similar problems in the various lakes in Golden Gate Park. Weed and algae control programs are underway and should be completed in three weeks.

BLUE HERONS A pair of blue herons has taken up residence on an island in Stow Lake for the second straight year. This year they have produced three offspring. The birds can be seen from the shore to the west of the Boathouse.

3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)

BEACH CHALET Two bids have been received for the Beach Chalet concession. One of the two bids has been disqualified as non-responsive. However, the other bid, for a restaurant and micro-brewery, does meet the advertised criteria. Staff is now conducting background checks on the partners of this proposal.

MIDNIGHT SHAKESPEARE PROGRAM The Hunter's Point Gym will be participating in the Midnight Shakespeare Program this summer. The program will be held on Wednesdays and Friday from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., beginning June 22 and will run for six weeks. There will be a public performance on July 27, and selected individuals will perform at the Alice Arts Center in Oakland on July 29. Viacom Cable 44 will be filming at the gym on July 13 at 5:30 p.m.

SF TEEN At your places you will find the June 1994 issue of SF Teen, which is written, edited, photographed and managed by a talented group of teens representing a cross section of the City.

SUMMER GUIDE 1994 At your places you will find the Recreation and Park Department's Summer Guide. It addition to being an insert in the June 7 edition of the San Francisco Independent, the guide has been distributed to all recreation centers and branch libraries. It contains information on summer programs and special events, and there is a pull-out directory that lists all Recreation and Park Department facilities, including address, telephone number and the programs and activities available at the sites. We are planning to publish a similar guide later this year with information on fall and winter programs and events. Thanks go to Elaine Molinari, Linda Ma and Esther Kwan for this attractive publication.

SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS The following claims, under $5,000, were settled by the City Attorney's Office during the months of March and April 1994:

March		**April**	
Reyes, Esperanza	$1,066.00	Andrini, Robert	$ 193.43
Pangan, Brian	1,818.12	Krzich, Sam	3,100.00
Jordin, Michael	172.00	Collins, Michael	5,000.00
Dress, Lois	85.00	Troyer, David	666.00
Cronin, Kevin	330.91		
Still, Gardner	1,064.33		

DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday, June 22, 1994	Board of Supervisors Budget Committee hearing on departmental budgets; 1:30 p.m.; City Hall
Saturday, June 25, 1994	Board of Supervisors Budget Committee public testimony on departmental budgets; 1:00 p.m.; City Hall
Sunday, July 3, 1994	All Nations Day Festival; 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Music Concourse, Golden Gate Park
Monday, July 4, 1994	Independence Day Holiday

3. **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)**

DATES TO REMEMBER (Continued)

Tuesday, July 5, 1994	Parks and Planning Committee; 4:00 p.m., McLaren Lodge
Wednesday, July 6, 1994	Joint Zoo Committee; 4:30 p.m. tour, 5:00 p.m. meeting; Education Classroom, San Francisco Zoo
Thursday, July 7, 1994	Finance and Candlestick Committee; 3:00 p.m.; McLaren Lodge
Friday, July 8, 1994	Recreation and Park Employee Night at Candlestick Park; 5:30 p.m. Tailgate Party; 7:05 p.m. Game
Wednesday, July 13, 1994	Special Commission meeting (Golden Gate Park Master Plan); 7:00 p.m.; County Fair Building
Friday, July 15, 1994 Friday, July 22, 1994 Friday, July 29, 1994"	Night Tour 1994; 5:30-9:00 p.m.; San Francisco Zoo

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In response to Commissioner Rovetti's question, President Immendorf explained that he was vehemently opposed to the proposed revisions to the Charter which have been made public this week, because the Recreation and Park Commission would become a political tool. He felt the Commission deserved its independence and would oppose any attempt to make the Commission a pleasure appointment. He has spoken to those who have been involved in the drafting of the revisions to the Charter, T. J. Anthony and Jim Lazarus, and expressed this concern. He believed that changing the Commission to serve at the pleasure of the Mayor would be detrimental to the Recreation and Park Department and to the City.

General Manager, Mary E. Burns, explained that the Charter reform redefines the role of commissions in the City and that the majority of them would go through a confirmation process with the Board of Supervisors and serve at the Mayor's pleasure. Much of the language that is in the present Charter has been removed and shifted into an appendix that is subject to change by ordinance of the Board of Supervisors. This change will dramatically alter how the City functions and will give much more authority and power to the Board of Supervisors in the day-to-day workings of departments.

Commissioner Rovetti said that he raised this issue so that the members of the public would understand the seriousness of this Charter reform issue.

4. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

All matters listed hereunder constitute a Consent Calendar, are considered to be routine by the Recreation and Park Commission and will be acted upon by a single roll call vote of the Commission. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member so requests, in which event the matter shall be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered as a separate item.

4. **CONSENT CALENDAR (Continued)**

On motion of Commissioner Farrow, seconded by Commissioner Mazzola, the following resolutions were adopted:

a. **PERSONNEL MATTERS** — **RES. NO. 16916**

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies the actions taken by the General Manager regarding personnel matters during the period May 5, 1994 through June 2, 1994.

b. **RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT** — **RES. NO. 16917**
HUNTER POINT GYM TEEN GROUP
OVERNIGHT TRIP

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies the overnight camping and river rafting trip by the Hunters Point Gym Teen Group to the American River, Sacramento, California from June 10-12, 1994.

c. **RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT** — **RES. NO. 16918**
OVERNIGHT TRIP

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies the adult outreach recreation program overnight trip to Lake Tahoe from June 5-6,1994.

d. **RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT** — **RES. NO. 16919**
WEST SUNSET PLAYGROUND
ADMISSION FEE

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the admission fee for Pony Baseball of America Tournament at West Sunset Playground on July 12-16, 1994.

e. **RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT** — **RES. NO. 16920**
RECREATION DIVISION
COLLABORATIVE AGREEMENT

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the collaborative agreement between the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department and the West Bay Pilipino Multi-Service Center.

f. **ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS** — **RES. NO. 16921**

RESOLVED, That this Commission accepts the following gifts valued at $102,059.43, for the Recreation and Park Department:

1. From Ikebana International, San Francisco Bay Area Chapter, a new sound system for the Auditorium at the San Francisco County Fair Building, valued at $17,059.43

2. From Strybing Arboretum Society, a gift in place of a primitive garden, valued at $85,000, at the Strybing Arboretum and the Botanical Gardens.

4. **CONSENT CALENDAR (Continued)**

g. **SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS** **RES. NO. 16922**
ANIMAL TRANSACTIONS

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies the following animal transactions for the San Francisco Zoological Gardens which were processed under Resolution No. 13572:

DONATION FROM: Tom Curtis
1530 Grant Road, # 11
Mountain View, CA 94040

Dead Leaf Mantids - a colony

DONATION TO: John Hays
Talisman Farm, Box 108
Comptche,CA 95427

Dexter Steer, Sex Unknown

DONATION TO : Philadelphia Zoological Gardens
3400 West Girard Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19104-1196
USDA #23-C-004

Two (2) Owl-faced Monkeys

DONATION TO: Coyote Point Museum
1651 Coyote Point Drive
San Mateo, CA 94401

One (1) female Common King Snake

h. **GOLF DIVISION** **RES. NO. 16923**
GREEN FEE SURCHARGE

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the continuation of the surcharge on current golf fees in Fiscal Year 1994-95.

i. **STERN GROVE FESTIVAL** **RES. NO. 16924**
RENEWAL OF FOOD VENDING PERMIT

RESOLVED, That this Commission renews the food vending permit with Stern Grove Festival.

j. **GOLDEN GATE PARK** **RES. NO. 16925**
SPECIAL EVENT PARKING

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the closure of the West end of Golden Gate Park for special event parking at a fee of $4.00 per vehicle, during special events that are scheduled for the Polo Field during the summer and fall of 1994.

k. **SETTLEMENT OF CLAIM** **RES. NO. 16926**

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the proposed settlement of the litigated claim of Curtis Cox in the amount of $7,500.

4. **CONSENT CALENDAR (Continued)**

l. **RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT** **RES. NO. 16927**
NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS AND SQUARES
PRIVATE TENNIS INSTRUCTION PROGRAM

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the extension of the neighborhood parks private tennis instruction program.

- Alice Marble (Greenwich/Hyde)
- Balboa Park
- Julius Kahn
- McLaren Park
- Mission Dolores Park
- Moscone Recreation Center
- Angelo J. Rossi Playground
- Alta Plaza
- Crocker Amazon Playground
- Dupont Tennis Courts (30th Avenue)
- Midtown Terrace
- Moffet Tennis Courts (26th Ave/Vicente)
- Mountain Lake Park

m. **GOLDEN GATE PARK** **RES. NO. 16928**
CONSERVATORY OF FLOWERS
RENTAL FEES

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the request for new rental fees for the Conservatory of Flowers, effective July 1, 1994, as follows:

Description of Use	Fee
•Non refundable deposit: to hold date and to be applied to rental fee	$300 flat rate
•Refundable security deposit: covers overtime use, damage (if any) or additional clean up.	$425 flat rate
•Janitorial services to clean facility before event.	$ 75 flat rate
•Event Rental: 5:00 p.m. through Midnight (3 hour minimum - MondayThursday); (5 hour minimum - Friday, Saturday and Sunday)	$250 per hour includes security & 1 hour set up.
Additional Services	
•Kitchen set up. Additional to the one hour already included	$100 per hour
•Overtime for clean-up: past scheduled event	$150 per hour
•Overtime rental: past midnight	$375 per hour
•Additional staff monitor for large events over 160 persons	$ 60 flat rate

GENERAL CALENDAR

5. **GOLDEN GATE PARK**
DE LAVEAGA DELL
AIDS MEMORIAL GROVE IMPROVEMENTS

Approval of AIDS Memorial Grove site improvements at De Laveaga Dell in Golden Gate Park.

Park Planner, Deborah Learner, explained that the Commission previously granted conceptual approval of the plan for De Laveaga Dell, an area designated as the AIDS Memorial Grove, and this request is for approval of three specific site improvements at the Dell. Ms. Learner displayed a drawing of De Laveaga Dell, explaining that it is a very natural setting and the concept is to restore it to provide areas of contemplation and reflection for people who have died of AIDS. She then described the specific site improvements:

5. GOLDEN GATE PARK
DE LAVEAGA DELL
AIDS MEMORIAL GROVE IMPROVEMENTS (Continued)

•*South Portal* is a secondary entrance to the Dell. The improvements include a stone wall, with edging on each side of the walkway, keeping with the naturalistic and rustic theme of the area.

•*Pine Crescent* - is a seating area as one enters the Dell from the corner of Bowling Green and Middle Drive. This is to be a small, intimate seating area with stones. Potentially, there may be a path that is accessible by people with disabilities.

•*Circle of Friends* - Is located on a slight elevation that looks through the redwood trees into the entire meadow. The proposal is to have a spiral of names etched in the pavement to acknowledge people who have donated funds toward improvement of the AIDS Memorial Grove. The names would be etched into the pavement and there will be a spiral, paving pattern, that over time, will be filled in with soil and become part of the landscape. This design will be very subtle and yet acknowledge people who have made donations to the Grove.

The AIDS Memorial Grove project is working on a draft agreement to provide a maintenance endowment for the Dell. This agreement will be considered by the Commission in the near future and will include an endowment for an individual to maintain the area in perpetuity. It is understood that before the architectural elements are initiated and installed, the maintenance agreement will be approved by the Commission.

Kerry Enright, Executive Director, AIDS Memorial Grove, displayed the capital campaign material that is being distributed to fund all of the site improvements. The AIDS Memorial Grove is actively raising the funds necessary to maintain the site in perpetuity and just received $125,000 from the Goldman Fund for the Grove. The draft maintenance agreement is now being prepared and it is her hope that ground will be broken by the end of summer.

Jean-Pierre Weingarten, a volunteer at the AIDS Memorial Grove, spoke in support for the project and urged the Commission to approve this item.

Donna Matthews, a volunteer at the AIDS Memorial Grove, asked the Commission to approve this request.

Bill Clark, explained they are planning a capital campaign that will endow the maintenance of this Grove in perpetuity. He said people who are impassioned to the cause can donate funds and those dollars will be turned back to this public land.

In response to Commissioner Rovetti's questions, Ms. Enright explained that over 300 people have signed up to work on this weekend's volunteer clean up.

Dave Fox, a person with AIDS, a former board member of AIDS Memorial Grove, explained that this project is very important to him and that he wanted his relations to have a wonderful place in the City. He said the City needs more volunteers, who are skilled and who have the ability to help run this complicated enterprise called the City and County of San Francisco. He urged that the Commission approve this item.

5. **GOLDEN GATE PARK**
DE LAVEAGA DELL
AIDS MEMORIAL GROVE IMPROVEMENTS (Continued)

Todd Cole, a board member of the AIDS Memorial Grove, worked very hard to make the details in the Grove refined, natural and consistent with its setting. He hoped that all of the proposed improvements would be an asset to the park.

Alice **Russell-Shapiro,** chair of the AIDS Memorial Grove, has been working on the project for 5 years, and thanked Mary Burns, Deborah Learner, Jim Cooney and other staff members from Recreation and Park, who have been helpful. She felt there is a partnership with the Department which has been very supportive of this project.

Greg Gaar, representing the Haight Ashbury Neighborhood Council, and member of the California Native Plant Society, said he worked on habitat restoration in the City's parks and was extremely impressed that the Grove had over 300 volunteers. He explained that an indigenous oak wood has been in the western end of the De Laveaga Dell for hundreds of years. He displayed a photograph of the area dating back to 1891 that showed the oak trees. The Golden Gate Park Master Plan calls for the preservation of indigenous oak reserves in the park and he wanted the volunteers to expand their work parties by gathering acorns from these trees. These acorns could then be taken to the Golden Gate Park Nursery where they would be germinated to be planted back into the park.

Michael Boland, a volunteer worker on this project for 4 years, said it has been very interesting to receive feedback from the community in its design. This project is a product of thousands of people working, planning and developing the design. He further explained that *Landscape Architecture Magazine*, will feature the AIDS Memorial Grove in its August issue, bringing national visibility to this project.

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Sommer, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16929

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the following AIDS Memorial Grove site improvements at De Laveaga Dell in Golden Gate Park:

South Portal Pine Crescent Circle of Friends

Note for the Record: The Commission unanimously approved this item.

6. **GOLDEN GATE PARK**
MUSIC CONCOURSE
ROAD CLOSURE

Approval of road closure of the Music Concourse in Golden Gate Park on Sunday, July 3, 1994, from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., and closure of the Music Concourse public parking area for the entire day for the Midwinter Fair Centennial Parade and All Nations Festival.

Superintendent of Recreation, Joel Robinson, explained that this item is a request to close Hagiwara Tea Garden Drive and Academy Way on July 3, 1994 for the Midwinter Fair Parade and Festival. This event, sponsored by Friends of Recreation and Park, includes a parade and other activities requiring the road closure. Originally, the request

6. GOLDEN GATE PARK MUSIC CONCOURSE ROAD CLOSURE (Continued)

was to close the road the entire day but it has been agreed to open the road by 11:00 a.m. Friends of Recreation and Park plans to station monitors at the intersection of Martin Luther King and Academy Way to inform people after 11:00 a.m. that the parking area will be closed and if they enter the area they will be able to make a loop and exit. The parking lot will be used for acivities and/or staging the event. He recommended approval of the item with the conditions outlined in the memorandum he presented to the Commission.

In response to Commissioner Sommer's question, Mr. Robinson explained that there will be shuttle service from the McLaren Lodge parking lot to the band shell and that Friends of Recreation and Park is working with University of California, San Francisco, to offer shuttle service from their parking lot.

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Chan, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16930

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the road closure of the Music Concourse (Hagiwara Tea Garden Drive and Academy Way) in Golden Gate Park on Sunday, July 3, 1994, from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., and closure of the Music Concourse public parking area for the entire day for the Midwinter Fair Centennial Parade and All Nations Festival.

Note for the Record: The Commission unanimously approved this item.

7. JOSE CORONADO PLAYGROUND RENOVATION

Approval of playground renovation project at Jose Coronado Playground.

Park Planner, Joanne Wilson, described the features of the Jose Coronado Playground which is bounded by Shotwell, 21st and Folsom Streets. The heavily used park now has a children's playground in one corner, some seating and landscaping, a soccer/softball area, basketball court and tennis area. The proposed renovation was presented at the playground to park users on several occasions and a community meeting. The plan provides a new building in the southwest corner with restrooms, a multi-purpose room and a small alcove for the recreation director. The room would be used for supervised activities. The children's playground would be relocated from the isolated corner to a much less busy street that is more residential in character. The children's playground would be slightly larger than what now exists. The tennis court would remain the same size, the basketball court would be reduced but would still offer 2 half-courts, and the soccer/softball area would be enlarged. She outlined other minor modifications: the tot lot would be placed adjacent to Shotwell, the home plate for the softball would be moved to the corner; the tennis court could be shifted closer to Shotwell Street; giving space for a third half-court basketball area. Staff was considering reducing the multi-purpose office by 50-60 square feet to give more clearance to the children's playground equipment in accordance with new safety guidelines. The multi purpose room/restroom building would be approximately 1100 square feet, but is comparable to other clubhouses such as the one at Julius Kahn, which was recently renovated. The plan calls for doors to allow restrooms to access from the inside and outside of the clubhouse.

7. **JOSE CORONADO PLAYGROUND RENOVATION (Continued)**

There is $570,000 available in Open Space Funds for this project and the preliminary cost estimate is $557,344. The Department plans to apply for a community development block grant through Housing and Urban Development and to have the Conservation Corps install the equipment and the safety surface matting in the children's play area. This grant would save $65,000 in project costs.

Patrick Mora, the architect for the project, explained that proposed designs were presented and shown to the community for 5 days over a 2 week period.

Ms. Wilson said that it would be fair to say that at the last meeting those in attendance were divided between the plan presented at this meeitng and another scheme. Staff felt this proposal was the best utilization of the space. Since the park is heavily used, it is hoped that during construction half of the park will remain open while the other half is being renovated.

In response to Commissioner Sommer's question, Ms. Wilson said that the 500 square foot multi purpose room is large enough for the recreation director to tutor and work with children. The recreation director's office area is 100 square feet; the restrooms are 500 square feet.

In response to Commissioner Mazzola's question, Ms. Wilson explained that some of the work would be done by the Conservation Corps and that any remaining funds from the project would be returned to the Open Space Program fund. Commissioner Mazzola also expressed his opinion that the drinking fountain was quite expensive.

Brian Gatter, from the Department of Public Works, explained that the water fountain fixture is considered to be the most durable model on the market today and is accessible for the disabled community.

Dave Thomason, was concerned about access to the restrooms, and said that since the park is heavily used, people, other than park users, may enter the restrooms from the outside because they would be open from outside of the park.

Edward Bingham, Jr., lives on Shotwell Street, and for many years has been working to improve the playground. He felt that the plan eliminates a lot of open space in the playground and that many of the elements of the playground were being squeezed. He said that placing the recreation director's building on the southwest corner would have a negative impact on the neighbors. He was opposed to fencing the tennis court and basketball court area as it is now flexible, open space. He said it was important to visit the playground at different times of the day to get a consensus of what the renovation should include. He noted that there was a division on two of the renovation plans when it was presented at the community meeting. He said that all residences within 300 feet of the playground should be notified of the proposed plan.

John Henry, echoed the sentiments of previous speaker, and said the soccer players drink beer and play, and the street people drink and urinate/defecate in the park and often sleep under the existing play equipment. He said that placing the building on the corner will limit visibility into the park and that the neighbors watch the park. It was his opinion that if this plan was to be approved he would rather shelve the plan and not change the present layout of the playground.

7. **JOSE CORONADO PLAYGROUND RENOVATION (Continued)**

Merylee Smith Bingham, a neighbor of Jose Coronado Playground, has been working to improve this playground and recounted that her first letter was sent in 1985 to the Department. She did not favor moving the playground because the "dead" corner would remain part of the plan and the recreation director would not have visibility of this area of the park. She did not favor moving the playground and said that she lives across the street and was not aware that the proposed plans were being displayed at the playground. She questioned the effectiveness of the community meetings and felt that all of the users should be in attendance at these meeting. At earlier public meetings the Police Department did not want the building on the outside perimeters of the playground because of the drug and gang activity.

Anita Margrill, a neighbor who lives directly across the street from the park, said it was important that the neighboring houses have visual access to the day-to-day activities at the playground. Placing the building in the corner will obscure visibility. She said the relationship between the community and the Department has deteriorated and they have not had any idea of what the design would look like. She asked that there be better communication system regarding the design process between the Department and the community.

Andrew J. Solow, said this project is 10 years old and referenced a letter he sent to the Commission regarding this matter with 35 signatures from property owners adjacent to the playground who were unaware of the proposed plan. At the last community meeting, they were informed that they would be presented a comparative cost analysis between this plan and a plan he developed. He said that the Parks and Planning Committee never recommended approval of a specific plan and requested that this item be referred back to the community for another meeting to discuss the proposed plans. He commented that there are some aspects of the plan that are good and others that are bad.

Commissioner Ruiz made a motion that this matter be tabled and that it be taken back to the community for further review. He felt that there was a need to consider the opinions of those who use the playground and the residents with the understanding that there are funding constraints. Commissioner Mazzola seconded this motion.

Commissioner Chan said the Parks and Planning Committee did not make a recommendation because they felt that the community was not happy with the design. He said the parties seem to be drifting apart rather than reaching a compromise or consensus.

Ms. Wilson detailed the community outreach process and explained that her mailing list includes over 125 names of all those who have ever written or signed petitions on this proposal. She contacted the child care referral service in the area as well as the child care providers. The notice sent was bilingual, was distributed at the playground at the same time community outreach was done and copies of the flyers were made available at the Mission Recreation Center for distribution. There has been up to 6 hours of community outreach where the architect was at the playground discussing the proposals with the users. Over the course of community meetings many options have been considered. She then outlined the various proposals which included reducing the tennis courts, shifting the building and children's play area to different locations, reducing the basketball court size, and a proposal that had seating to watch soccer.

7. **JOSE CORONADO PLAYGROUND**
RENOVATION (Continued)

In response to Commissioner Mazzola's question, Ms. Wilson explained that the mailing list includes a great number of property owners. He wanted a broader mailing list developed.

Commissioner Ruiz said that the design that is being proposed has not been shared with the community. A number of designs have been presented but the people have not had an opportunity to view it. He wanted more community participation in the planning process.

Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold, explained that he personally attended 3 of the community meetings and the testimony has been split. He said there are those who prefer the building to be located in the southwest corner; as presented today and others who want the building placed in the northeast corner. He did not think holding another community meeting would resolve the split.

President Immendorf said that he wanted staff to hold one more final meeting on this issue. He felt that staff has worked very hard and has been abused by some members of the community. Commissioner Ruiz amended his motion to reflect President Immendorf's statement; Commissioner Mazzola seconded this amended motion.

In response to Commissioner Sommer's questions, Ms. Wilson explained that the Arts Commission has jurisdiction on civic design and it was felt that a lot of time should not be spent on the outside appearance of the building because it might be changed.

Commissioner Ruiz said the community may not get everything it wants because there are certain requirements that must be considered by the Department to ensure a safe playground. A design must be developed that will work for the Department and community.

On motion of Commissioner Ruiz, seconded by Commissioner Mazzola, the Commission directed staff to hold one more (final) community meeting to discuss the relative merits of designs "C" and "E" (with the adjustments noted by staff at the Commission meeting).

The Commission approved this motion by the following vote:
Ayes: Commissioner Chan, Farrow, Immendorf, Mazzola, Rovetti, Ruiz
Noes: Commissioner Sommer

8. **GOLF COURSES**
GOLF COURSE MEMORIAL BENCH PROGRAM

Approval of policy for memorial benches on Recreation and Park Department golf courses.

Assistant Superintendent for Urban Forestry, Jim Cooney, explained that there is a great need for benches on the golf course tees, particularly on the par threes and this proposal will present an opportunity to obtain needed benches at no cost to the City. The benches are made of a very durable product, are a simple design, and will be gray in color. The policy is similar to the Department's Memorial Bench Policy in that there is a 5 year maintenance component connected with the purchase price of $1,000. This item was reviewed at the Golf, Yacht Harbor and Camp Mather Committee and he recommended approval.

In response to Commissioner Mazzola's question, Commissioner Rovetti said the plaque would be placed in the center of the bench.

8. **GOLF COURSES**
GOLF COURSE MEMORIAL BENCH PROGRAM (Continued)

On recommendation of the Golf, Yacht Harbor and Camp Mather Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Farrow, seconded by Commissioner Rovetti, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16931

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the policy for memorial benches on Recreation and Park Department golf courses, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That this policy will be reviewed by the Commission in one year.

Note for the Record: The Commission unanimously approved this item.

9. **SHARP PARK GOLF COURSE**
CLUBHOUSE AND RESTAURANT ADDITION

Approval of addition to Sharp Park Clubhouse restaurant at Sharp Park Golf Course.

Park Planner, Deborah Learner, displayed a diagram of the clubhouse at Sharp Park and explained that one of the requirements of the current tenant's lease is that a building addition be constructed. Approvals have already been received from various agencies such as the Pacifica Historical Society which recommended that the tile roofing from the existing building be matched to the new addition, to the City Arts Commission which recommended some modifications to the window treatment. Ms. Learner explained that the building looks onto the golf course and there will be a handicapped accessible ramp to the addition. An exemption was received from the Office of Environmental Review. Upon approval from the Commission, acceptance by the Coastal Commission will be requested. The new addition will bring revenue to the City and will abut the existing building and service area.

On recommendation of the Golf, Yacht Harbor and Camp Mather Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Farrow, seconded by Commissioner Sommer, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16932

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the addition to Sharp Park Clubhouse restaurant at Sharp Park Golf Course.

Note for the Record: The Commission unanimously approved this item.

10. **GOLDEN GATE PARK**
TENNIS COURT COMPLEX
REQUEST FOR BIDS

Approval of request for bids for operation of various concessions at the Golden Gate Park Tennis Court complex.

Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold, explained that staff has been unsuccessful in trying to lease a concession for the Golden Gate Park Tennis Court and has had 2 failures in the last 2 years. Rather than try a third time, staff proposed the following:

10. GOLDEN GATE PARK
TENNIS COURT COMPLEX
REQUEST FOR BIDS (Continued)

- Lease 4 separate teaching courts for private tennis instructors to offer tennis lessons.
- Rent the pro shop office space for tennis related purposes
- Establish an outdoor food vending pushcart concession

In response to Commissioner Ruiz's question, Mr. Arnold said the teaching courts will be available for teaching all day.

Commissioner Chan felt it was important to have all of the permits for the Golden Gate Park Tennis Courts terminate at the same time.

On recommendation of the Finance and Candlestick Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Chan, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16933

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the request for bids for operation of various concessions at the Golden Gate Park Tennis Court complex provided that all of the permits expire on the same date.

Note for the Record: The Commission unanimously approved this item.

4:00 p.m. to 4:05 p.m. Commissioner Ruiz left the meeting room.

11. GOLF DIVISION
AUTOMATED GOLF RESERVATION SYSTEM
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Approval of a request for proposal to purchase a computer automated telephone tee time golf reservation system for the Golf Division.

Budget Officer, Garrett Furuichi, explained that this item will allow for the acquisition of a telephone tee time reservation system and will improve collections as identified by the Civil Grand Jury Report. The new automated golf reservation system will provide:

- convenient 24 hour access
- detail information on daily play
- impartial assignment of tee times
- improvement in Department's internal control

In response to Commissioner Rovetti's question, Mr. Furuichi explained that the computer system will be housed at McLaren Lodge. He further explained that staff is working with the City's Treasurer's Office to set up a system whereby credit cards will be accepted by the Department.

On recommendation of the Finance and Candlestick Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Sommer, seconded by Commissioner Rovetti, the following resolution was adopted:

11. GOLF DIVISION
AUTOMATED GOLF RESERVATION SYSTEM
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (Continued)

RES. NO. 16934

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the request for proposal to purchase a computer automated telephone tee time golf reservation system for the Golf Division.

APPROVED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:
Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Farrow, Immendorf, Mazzola, Rovetti, Sommer
Absent: Commissioner Ruiz

12. CANDLESTICK PARK
ADVERTISING PROGRAM

Approval of advertising signage at Candlestick Park for Office Depot.

Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold, explained that the Sony Scoreboard Agreement gives the City approval rights over advertising and the Commission cannot unreasonably withhold its approval. At the Committee level, Commissioner Mazzola raised the issue as to why this item was being considered by the Commission when the signage was already in place at Candlestick Park. Mr. Arnold explained that in researching this issue, it was found that in 1989 the Commission gave authorization to the General Manager to approve advertising copy for in-stadium advertising and report these actions to the full Commission at its monthly meetings. He recommended that this policy be followed unless the Commission chose to approve them individually.

General Manager, Mary E. Burns, explained that when there was a Stadium Manager for Candlestick Park, he was actively trying to jump-start the advertising program and found that potential advertisers wanted their signs in place immediately. It seemed like a needless delay to wait for the Commission to approve the advertising signs since it could not unreasonably withhold its approval. Therefore the Commission gave authorization to the General Manager.

On recommendation of the Finance and Candlestick Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Farrow, seconded by Commissioner Chan, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16935

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the advertising signage at Candlestick Park for Office Depot.

Note for the Record: The Commission unanimously approved this item.

12a. **LAKE MERCED**
PACIFIC ROD AND GUN CLUB
ADDITIONAL SHOOTING

Consideration of the request of the Pacific Rod and Gun Club to shoot on Thursday, July 21, 1994, from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold, explained that the Pacific Rod and Gun Club has requested permission to amend its current agreement with the Recreation and Park Commission to authorize shooting on Thursday, July 21, 1994. A compromise was reached in October 1993 that allowed the Club to shoot on designated days because the Department was receiving more and more complaints about noise from shooting . Staff has contacted the Manager of the Oakwood Apartments, who agreed to shooting on this day. Staff was concerned that approving this request would set a precedent and therefore did not recommend approval.

Mike Pera, a retired San Francisco Firefighter, currently director of Recreation for the City of Hillsborough, member of the Burlingame Recreation and Park Commission, and President of the California Firefighters Athletic Association, explained that this request is for a shotgun benefit for the Firefighters Association that is being held 7/17 through the 7/22. The request is late because they previously had reservations at a club in the Peninsula that went out of business and they were trying to find another site for the tournament. He was unaware of the agreement with the Pacific Rod and Gun Club and said this is a one-time request. He further explained that the Club has 30 discretionary hours that can be used for shooting. He understood the guidelines set by the Commission and hoped that the consideration could be given to his request.

Commissioner Chan wondered if they shoot on Thursday, could they forfeit one of the days in a future week. Mr. Arnold said the discretionary hours could be applied to days on which they shoot if the tournament goes beyond 5:00 p.m. It could be argued that the tournament would be extended beyond Wednesday to Thursday.

In response to Commissioner Ruiz's question, Mr. Pera did not know the circumstances surrounding the closure of the club in the Peninsula.

On motion of Commissioner Mazzola, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16936

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the request of the Pacific Rod and Gun Club to shoot on Thursday, July 21, 1994, from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. under the 30 hour discretionary rule.

APPROVED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:
Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Farrow, Immendorf, Mazzola, Rovetti, Ruiz
Noes: Commissioner Sommer

13. PUBLIC COMMENT

Emeric Kalman, a berthholder and San Francisco resident, said the statement made by Commissioner Rovetti at last month's meeting was inappropriate. He said when he raised an issue he was asking the Commission and the management to answer the issue. He asked how the management and the Commission is handling public money and felt if he thought the public money was being wasted he had the right to raise such an issue. He said the Charter mandates that City employees have rules and regulations on how they should do their job. He said that $200-300,000 is being wasted at the Marina and nobody answers questions he poses. President Immendorf sent him a letter that said staff is working to calculate the loss of income from unrented berths. To date, he has not received any cost figures from staff or the Commission to questions he raised in his 1/10/94 letter.

Commissioner Rovetti informed Mr. Kalman that his letters were answered by the Commission Secretary, Shauna Rose. President Immendorf said he would respond to Mr. Kalman's letter in 10 days.

Michael Murray, said there is a big problem by the Beach Chalet soccer fields with homosexuals having sex. It bothered him that this activity took place when kids are playing soccer in such close vicinity and felt that something had to be done about it. He said that the Richmond Police Station does patrol the area when they have a spare squad car available but that is not resolving the problem. He said parks are for children and that he has spoken to Supervisor Conroy about this matter. He felt it was not an appropriate use of a park and that he planned to contact the local newspapers about this matter. He spoke to a mounted patrol police officer who said he was told not to patrol this area in the park.

Park Planner, Deborah Learner, said uses for the west end of the park were considered when the Golden Gate Master Plan was being developed these last two years. The Planning Office is trying to work with people in the community and with the Police Department to bring new uses into the area: a new soccer field, opening the Beach Chalet, more visibility to the equestrian trail, etc.

General Manager, Mary E. Burns, explained that she personally met with Police Captain Otten and walked the site. The Police would like the understory lifted but the plant material and fence on the west side is a wind break for the western end of the park. Staff has taken crews out there to clear the area so there is more visual access. Police Chief Ribera has promised that the mounted patrol and the Hondas would go to the area. She informed the Commission and Mr. Murray that she would contact Police Chief Ribera about this issue.

Philip Carleton, representing the Watch Bison Committee, said he is trying to improve the bison habitat in Golden Gate Park for the animals and to make it a better zoological exhibit. He has a group of 30 to 40 volunteers who have had 9 volunteer workdays in cooperation with the Department. He asked that when the Commission reviews the Golden Gate Park Master Plan next month that it include more land for the bisons in the park. At present there are approximately 11 acres for the bison. He wanted additional land to be returned to the bison, land that is now being used for reforestation purposes. He wanted a statement in the Golden Gate Park Master Plan that says the land will be returned to the animals by the year 2000. He said this was supported by the Joint Zoo Committee.

13. PUBLIC COMMENT (Continued)

Commissioner Sommer clarified the point that the Joint Zoo Committee conducted a tour of the bison area but did not take a formal position on returning this land to the bison.

Park Planner, Deborah Learner, was aware of this issue and said there are several concerns about maintaining a windbreak and was concerned that the trees that are planted for the reforestation area must have an opportunity to establish themselves. In the past, experience has shown that trees planted where the bison are present, do not survive.

Susan Douglas, representing the California Academy of Sciences, commended Joel Robinson and Esther Kwan of the Department who helped develop a summer camp program at the Academy. This program is for hundreds of kids in the City who either visit the Academy of Sciences or one of the Academy vans which visit recreation centers. She thanked the Department for this wonderful program.

14. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Immendorf said that he made his report when he commented on the Charter reform issue during the General Manager's Report.

15 COMMISSION COMMITTEE REPORTS

The following Commission Committee reports were submitted for the record:

- Joint Zoo Committee meeting of May 4, 1994
- Recreation Program Committee Meeting of May 25, 1994
- Finance and Candlestick Committee Meeting of June 2, 1994
- Golf, Yacht Harbor and Camp Mather Committee meeting of June 6, 1994.
- Parks and Planning Committee meeting of June 7, 1994

16. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Commissioner Rovetti, the meeting was adjourned in memory of Milton Savage, husband of June Gutfleisch of Supervisor Bierman's Office, who passed away.

On motion of President Immendorf the meeting was adjourned in memory of Harold Arnold, father of Phil Arnold, who passed away recently.

On motion of President Immendorf the meeting was adjourned with special thoughts to Commissioner Sue Sommer on hearing of the failing health of her mother.

There being no further business, the 694th Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shauna Marie Rose
Commission Secretary

Note These minutes set forth all actions taken by the Recreation and Park Commission on matters stated, but not necessarily the chronological order in which the matters were taken up

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RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION

MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING

THURSDAY, JULY 13, 1994 - 7:00 P.M.
Golden Gate Park Senior Center, 6101 Fulton Street

The Special Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Wednesday, July 13, 1994 at 7:00 p.m. by President Jack Immendorf.

1. **ROLL CALL**

Present: Commissioner Jack Immendorf, President
Commissioner Larry Mazzola, Vice President
Commissioner Sidney Chan
Commissioner Bella Farrow
Commissioner Vincent J. Rovetti
Commissioner Santiago Ruiz (noted present at 7:40 p.m.)
Commissioner Sue Sommer

2. **GOLDEN GATE PARK**
GOLDEN GATE PARK MASTER PLAN
ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

Approval of resolution recommending initiation of environmental review for the Golden Gate Park Master Plan.

General Manager, Mary E. Burns, explained that designing Golden Gate Park was a process that began over 120 years ago when a park was developed on the outside lands in San Francisco. The concept was very controversial and many thought that trees would not grow on sand dunes. The park has benefited many generations and it was her hope that the Master Plan process would set the stage to ensure that the park is preserved for the next 120 years.

She explained that the Commission's role was to hear from the public who has been meeting for the past 2 years with technical experts and interested citizens on the many elements of the plan. This meeting was the first opportunity for the Commission to take public testimony and review the work that has taken place over the last 2 years.

2. **GOLDEN GATE PARK**
GOLDEN GATE PARK MASTER PLAN
ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW (Continued)

Ms. Burns said that a great deal of the public input has been received, evidence that many people care about Golden Gate Park. Tonight, the Commission could recommend the proposal be forwarded for environmental review to the Department of City Planning as written, they may suggest modifications based on their review and/or based on public comment, or the Commission may choose to not take action at this time. However, the Commission may not adopt the plan until the environmental review is certified by City Planning; after environmental review is completed, the plan will return to the Commission for final approval.

The basic element of the Master Plan is that it is a preservationist plan. The park was designed by William Hammond Hall over 120 years ago and implemented by talented individuals the least of whom was John McLaren. The vision of the park is that it should remain in the same format, the same design that now in place as was conceived by its original designer. However, because of new issues, rules and laws, such as the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), it may mean that not everything remains exactly the same. The plan itself needs to have balance and people who will testify will have different ideas about what should be done. Ms. Burns complimented the citizens who have participated in the planning process for their interest and concern about the park.

The future of the park, particularly in terms of its maintenance needs, is important. Reforestation is vital and the issue of maintenance is something that must be addressed to find a way to bridge the gap between the City's funding support for the park and the level of maintenance it requires.

Park Planner Deborah Learner, said the Commission's task will be to decide whether to go forward with the planning process and initiate the environmental review. Ms. Learner highlighted some of the elements of the Master Plan and the various changes and improvements that are proposed. The Master Plan is a preservation plan. Ms. Learner quoted the park mission statement from the Master Plan, "The purpose of Golden Gate Park is to serve as an open space preserve in the midst of San Francisco. This historic park is a cultivated pastoral and sylvan landscape defined by an abundant evergreen woodland. It is designed and managed to afford opportunity for all to experience beauty, tranquillity, recreation and relief from urban pressures".

Ms. Learner then gave a slide show which offered an overview on Golden Gate Park from its historic beginning. The park was created on sand dunes and is a fragile, artificial landscape that requires intensive maintenance. In the early days of the park one could see the difference between the native landscape and newly planted trees. Those trees are now coming to the end of their life cycle. The present park layout is very similar to the one designed in the 1870s and remains the sylvan retreat for seniors, families, and children and serves as a gathering place for people who come together in a social atmosphere and appreciate the park.

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Ms. Learner explained that through the planning process the park's history has been reviewed as well as how it is maintained and used. The update to the Golden Gate Park Master Plan has been a 23 month process, with many community meetings, task force sessions, and workshops.

Ms. Learner then highlighted the draft plan through a slide show and described elements contained in the Master Plan:

■**The History Section** display a series of maps that shows the development of the park from when the park was first created to the present. The eastern part of the park has many more types of land use while the western part, as conceived by William Hammond Hall, emphasizes the woodland character, offering a sense of privacy and nature. An important component of the plan is that it provides an understanding of the character of the park.

■**Objectives and Policies** A statement of objectives and policies were adopted in 1979. These have been updated, revised and expanded. The gist of those policies is the preservation of the park, an interest in maintaining its established uses, and providing understanding to meet today's needs.

■**Park Landscape.** The Master Plan offers a series of maps that describes views, and screening and other functions and aesthetic qualities of the landscape. ***The Park Forest*** is the critical fabric that holds the park together by creating a series of windbreaks. Reforestation is the vital renewal of these windbreaks. The forest is part of the essential infrastructure for the park. ***Erosion Control*** is an important requirement in the landscape and reflects the wear and tear it receives from heavy use. ***Oak Woodlands*** are the remnant of the natural indigenous landscape. There is a goal to give this type of landscape more emphasis in future years in the park. ***Wildlife Habitat*** is an important element to the plan and there is more of an expectation in this era to preserve, enhance and safeguard habitat areas for wildlife.

■**Circulation Plan** Circulation is of concern because of the many vehicles in the park. There is an interest in providing more of an opportunity for people to enjoy themselves as pedestrians without vehicles but at the same time maintain access to all park facilities. The Circulation Plan is composed of several elements. ***The Draft Circulation Action Plan*** identifies actions to be implemented in the near term. The action plan identifies some roadway sections for closures. There is about 15 miles of roadway in the park and the plan proposes approximately 5% of those roads be closed. The criteria for road closures was predicated on being able to provide alternate routes in every situation and being able to access all park facilities. Most of the roads proposed for closure are quite small such as 30th Avenue or a portion of Middle Drive West; the largest section proposed is Conservatory Drive East. All of those proposed closures would be scrutinized further in the environmental review process.

At the Intersection of King and Crossover there is a proposal to prohibit East bound left turns onto Park Presidio from King. Much of the traffic is pushed into the park at this point by those wishing to access the Golden Gate Bridge. Another issue is encouraging slower driving and discouraging speeding commuter traffic. Two actions are suggested: ❶ A "T" intersection as one enters the park at Kennedy and Kezar Drive affording the opportunity to recapture about 12,000 square feet of park land, ❷ Extend landscape areas on the east section of Kennedy Drive are to be created primarily near intersections

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and corners. That landscape would encroach into the parking lane but leave the travel lanes free. This measure will calm traffic. ***The Bicycle Circulation Component*** is a critical element of the circulation plan and tries to enhance opportunities for cycling both within the park and connecting to other bikeways throughout the City. There is an issue of bicycles on soft surface trails and staff is working with trail users to address this matter. The component identified as ***Ideas for Future Consideration*** specifies actions that may be considered in the future but would not be part of the adopted circulation plan. These ideas for future consideration would be mentioned in the environmental review process with the understanding that if those items were to be incorporated as part of the plan they would require additional study, further environmental review and ultimately an amendment to the Master Plan. ***Accessibility.*** The Plan addresses improved disability access in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). ***Pathway Standards.*** Appropriate signs, surfacing, and width for all types of paths and trails is proposed for the equestrian trails, bicycle paths and shared multi-use trails.

■**Recreation** The Plan proposes that an additional ***soccer field*** be placed at the Richmond Sunset Sewage Plant which is scheduled for demolition. ***Playgrounds*** will be restored and upgraded to meet disability safety standards. Ms. Learner has been meeting with trail users of all types, bicyclists, walkers, and equestrians to discuss trail issues including dirt bike use. There are many proposals for the ***equestrian center*** such as a covered ring and a caretakers unit incorporated into the existing or renovated facility. ***Major Events.*** The Master Plan references the Recreation and Park Commission's Permit and Reservation Policy which is reviewed every 6 months and is the avenue to address concerns for large events. The Master Plan does give some standards for appropriateness of events and standards that the events be compatible with the landscape of the park.

■**Visitor Facilities** Standard signs will be placed at the entry ways to provide clarification and information for visitors and what is expected of them in using the park. Ms. Leaner displayed proposed concepts for signage along the trails. Visitor center locations identified include the County Fair Building, the Pioneer Log Cabin, and Beach Chalet. The Plan calls for visitor services to be offered at existing facilities. There may be a small kiosk in the Music Concourse area. The Plan recommends upgrading ***rest rooms*** in the park.

■**Building and Monuments** There are numerous buildings in the park, and appropriate improvements have been identified for each of them. Some call for modest expansion such as at the Golden Gate Park Golf Clubhouse and Tennis Clubhouse. There is a slate of proposals for disability access and seismic improvements at most of the park facilities. Buildings such as the Beach Chalet and the windmills are some of the features in the park that people hope to see rehabilitated. There are many monuments in the park and there is an "Adopt a Monument" program in place that helps to maintain the monuments.

■**Utilities and Infrastructure** The 1992 Golden Gate Park Infrastructure Bond will help renew the park's water system and a night lighting plan is scheduled for selected areas in the park such as the tennis courts, Angler's Lodge, and the Pioneer Log Cabin.

■**Maintenance and Operations** It is the intent to upgrade some of the maintenance areas with landscape to screen them to make them more appropriate to the park landscape.

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■**Park Management** Twenty-five to thirty additional positions have been identified in order to maintain the park at an appropriate level. It is also recommended that the Park Patrol have an expanded role and additional positions.

■**Park Funding** A number of areas have been identified for additional funding. The funding requirement for the park is approximately $9.8 Million; it generates approximately $3.1 Million in revenues. Currently, the Department depends on the City's General Fund to support the park but it is hoped that this funding source could be augmented with funds from the private sector as well as other identified potential sources of funding. Staff is looking at other mechanisms such as a tax to add to the funding program for the park.

■**Special Area Plans** are identified in the Master Plan. For example, the ***Music Concourse*** has a detailed slate of improvements. The plan for the ***West End*** is to bring more uses to this part of the park. The Richmond Sunset Sewage Treatment Plant is slated for demolition and there is a list of improvements for the ***Bison Paddock***. There is a proposal for a crop rotation on the South side so that the bison can be seen grazing. There are plans to improve several of the entry ways to the park, such as the Ninth Avenue entry.

Ms. Learner completed her presentation by saying that the Golden Gate Park Master Plan will bring the City into the next century. The park is a wonderful, urban park. She thanked Doug Nelson and Asa Hanamoto, from Royston Hanamoto Alley & Abey, Jeff Buxbaum from DKS Associates and Marcia Bedford for their ongoing assistance in preparing the Master Plan.

President Immendorf said the Golden Gate Park Master Plan is almost 2 years in the making and input has been received from hundreds of individuals and organizations. He was certain that there would be many concepts voiced by the public on the proposed Master Plan. The Commission wanted to incorporate into the Master Plan a knowledge and sensitivity for the many varied and different uses for the park while trying to be sympathetic to every segment in the community including the elderly and disabled.

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Deanna Brinkman, spoke on behalf of the San Francisco Garden Club, and discussed the Conservatory of Flowers. She said the Master Plan references the Conservatory as seismically deficient and high on the list of structures to be rehabilitated. The structure was built in 1878 and is one of the oldest in the park and is a landmark building. She believed that preservation and restoration of existing structures should take precedent over building of new structures. She urged the Commission to move rapidly to restore the Conservatory of Flowers because of its deteriorated state. She posed specific questions regarding the Conservatory to the Commission.

Dr. Shelley Fernandez, co-founder of the Watch Bison Committee, spoke about the bison paddock in Golden Gate Park and said it has been in the park over 103 years. She said the Master Plan is an excellent document but did not include the fact that 3 acres of land have been taken away from the bison. She asked the Commission to include a remark in the Master Plan that states by the year 2000 the land be returned to the bison. She explained that petitions have been collected in support of this issue.

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George Tainter, said his chief concern was the closing and narrowing of roads in Golden Gate Park. He is associated with the San Francisco Task Force Committee for Senior Citizens and has been working to improve conditions for seniors. Seniors want to spend a fair amount of time in the park and the proposed closures take away the rights of seniors. He felt that speed bumps should be considered to slow traffic in the park rather than road closures. He said road closures would create a chaotic condition for both sides of the park.

David Robinett, representing the San Francisco Zoological Gardens, participated in the planning process for the Golden Gate Park Master Plan in addressing issues regarding the bison paddock in the park. Many issues regarding the bison have been addressed but there are a lot of problems managing the herd. Although the 3 acres of land may not be available to the bison the reforested area is needed as a buffer for wind and against the public having contact with the animals. The herd has been sized to work well in dimension of the present paddock and the Zoo plans to try limited pasture rotation. The Zoo wants to exhibit the herd in a setting that naturally shows how they would look in the wild.

Jonathan Stern, representing the Sunset Richmond Green Party, and the Coalition for Golden Gate Park, explained that the Coalition is comprised of environmental and neighborhood groups who believe that the most important plan for the park is to afford opportunities for people to enjoy views, tranquillity, recreation and relief from urban pressures. The Coalition believes that the park is an oasis for all citizens of San Francisco and the Bay Area from the urban environment of modern life. The most important element of the Master Plan is the issue of transportation because fewer cars would make the park an ideal setting as an escape from pressures of modern life. He realized that cars are necessary to access the park but measures should be implemented to minimize cars. He concurred with the proposal to have a shuttle system and supported weekend road closures and closures of unneeded roadways.

Bruce H. Selby, representing Lake Shore Acres Improvement Club, was very concerned about the proposed road closure of Sunset Boulevard. This road provides access into the park as well as through the park into the Northern section of the City. The closure of this major artery will force thousands of vehicles into the Sunset community and onto 19th Avenue. 19th Avenue is a heavily congested roadway and the closure of Sunset Boulevard will create a gridlock on 19th Avenue and the Great Highway. He urged the Commission to carefully consider the road closure of Sunset Boulevard.

Jerry Zagorites, said over 100 years ago Golden Gate Park was a park in the wilderness in a sense because the city did not surround it. Now it is an urban park and he was concerned that the Master Plan did not give full consideration to the closure of the park. He was opposed to the road closures proposed and felt the Plan should consider the means to facilitate traffic through the park with grade separations or a tunnel. Cars should not travel through the park 30 miles per hour. He said that visitors to the Academy of Sciences and museums in the park need a place to park and that an underground parking garage should be considered for the institutions in the park.

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Susanne Barthell, representing the Watch Bison Committee, said they were very pleased with the improvements that have been listed in the Master Plan for the bison. The only one issue that remains is the size of the paddock. The return of the acreage for the bison would ensure that a pasture rotation could be instituted. She said there is great support for this concept.

Howard Strassner, representing the Sierra Club Transportation Committee, supported the road closures. The road closure on Middle Drive will set up a cul-de-sac that will be pleasant for people who want to picnic in the park. All of the road closures will enable people to drive to the park but will not allow them to use the park as a commute route. The 3 to 4 hour parking restriction will limit commuters from using the park. However, the commuters inside the park such as Recreation and Park Department workers, museum and Academy of Science workers must be addressed. There is an employee parking lot adjacent to the Fine Arts Museums and the Sierra Club supports charging a fee for these parking areas. He suggested that MUNI run extra service to the park and hoped that the narrowing of Kennedy Drive would result in slowing traffic in the park.

Flora Zagorites, a volunteer at the deYoung Museum and Academy of Sciences, said the idea of keeping people out of the park is a great one but it bisects the City. People who come to the institutions need a place to park and a way to get into the park . She further stated that the museums would be in bad state without the hundreds of volunteers. A three hour parking restriction will negatively impact volunteers because their shifts are 4 hours or more. She was concerned about the proposed road closures in the park and felt it would create a hardship for people trying to get across the City.

Rachel Ellis, of the North of Panhandle Organization, said she viewed the Master Plan with enthusiasm and appreciation for the work of the dedicated people. She asked that there be a public comment period prior to adoption of the Golden Gate Park Master Plan, particularly as it relates to the Panhandle. The Panhandle is part of Golden Gate Park and serves as an entry into the park, especially for bicyclists. However, it also serves as a neighborhood park for the residents on the 16 blocks that border it. Residents wanted to see the Panhandle remain part of the park system rather than part of the freeway expansion. She further felt it was improper to award concessions based solely on the best bid because a park facility should not be only for profitable ventures. She felt the Saturday closure would be unfair to the institutions in the park and suggested that the park be closed west of the Music Concourse area. She said the Golden Gate Park Conservancy should allow for public participation.

Ruth Asawa, a trustee at the Fine Arts Museum, said she appreciated the many users that comprise Golden Gate Park. She said that much effort has been devoted by the Fine Arts Museums staff in developing the plan and that she appreciates museums more and more. She said that art belongs to everyone and that weekends are a critical time for the museums to open their doors and serve people in the community, who work during the week. She felt that people need access to the museums on Saturday and that parking means access. She urged the Commission to allow the Kennedy Drive to remain open on Saturdays and noted that the Sunday closure has impacted the museums.

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Harry Parker, Director of Fine Arts Museums, congratulated the Department for a very detailed, thoughtful and participatory process that has taken place in developing the Master Plan. He felt the museums have been fairly treated and realize that some compromises must be made to meet the different needs of the park users. He felt the Museums were an important attraction in the park and noted that the museums have agreed to some things that are not in their immediate best interest but will better serve the overall needs of the City. He wanted to discourage commuter parking in the park and see traffic speeds reduced. He was willing to support car-pooling measures even though it would not be popular with his staff. He also supported a shuttle system and hoped it could be developed. However, he did object to the continuing effort to introduce closure of Kennedy Drive on Saturdays. He said the Sunday closure represents a fair balance that should not be changed. A Saturday closure would be a hardship. He also supported reducing speeds on Hagiwara Tea Garden Drive but did not want the road narrowed in such a way that it would prohibit parking at night. He favored parking along Tea Garden Drive during the day and thought it would contribute to slowing down the traffic. He finally submitted a resolution adopted by the Fine Arts Trustees regarding the Golden Gate Park Master Plan.

Donna Ernstson, representing Friends of Recreation and Parks, noted the spectacular effort that has taken place to develop the Master Plan and felt the Plan was conclusive. As the support group for the Recreation and Park Department its purpose was to consider the well being of the park as a whole. Friends is a preservationist organization that considers the historic status of the park and its legacy to serve the people of San Francisco by creating a respite for all citizens. She urged the Commission to closely consider issues relating to circulation and transportation in the name of accessibility.

Kate Webster, representing the Sierra Club and the Coalition for Golden Gate Park, explained the Coalition banded together to establish a common vision for the Park to afford opportunities for all to experience beauty, tranquillity, recreation and relief from urban pressures. The Coalition wanted to preserve the park and to move closer to the Master Plan Policies E, F, G and H restricting the amount of traffic under Objective III, Park Circulation. She enumerated these policies and explained that the Coalition felt it was important that each user group have a place to go and not feel frightened by the speed of vehicles traveling through the park. She expressed concern about maintaining the park and felt people should feel safe going to the park.

Julie Brook, a docent at the Strybing Arboretum and also a guide in Golden Gate Park, spoke on behalf of the gardeners in Golden Gate Park. She has been coming to the park for 7 years and noted that John McLaren and William Hammond Hall had hundreds of employees at their disposal. The park's physical landscape is slowly eroding as a result of the inadequate gardening staff. She felt it was important for park users to respect the park and that one of the priorities of the Master Plan should be increased manpower for the park.

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Marilyn Duffy, the volunteer and visitor services manager at the deYoung Museum, said that many of the provisions in the Master Plan are good such as minimizing traffic in the park, better signage, disabled access to the park, and visitor services in the park. She felt that a Saturday closure in the park will be an impediment for visitors and volunteers who come to the park. She said people find it difficult to get to the Park on Sundays with the races and other events held in the Park and that a Saturday closure would be an additional hardship.

John A. McKnight, said every weekend people use the park to enjoy the open roadways free of traffic which is the natural landscape for a skater. He wanted roller-skating to be written into the Master Plan as one of the major park users. He felt that the Kennedy Drive/8th Avenue/Kezar Drive closure on Saturdays was a worthy proposal because it is not considered a new closure and the area is level.

David G. Miles, Jr., representing the Golden Gate Park Skate Patrol, President of the Outdoor Rollerskating Association, said that the Skate Patrol started their "official" work in the park 15 years ago. He led the petition to close Golden Gate Park to traffic and said that one of the main topics of discussion in the park is closing the Park on Saturdays. He felt a way should be found to implement the Saturday closure. He further explained that as a volunteer he felt he had not received support from the Recreation and Park Department. He wanted to open the communication process with the Department and Commission and said that the powers at be should frequent the park more often to gain a better understanding of the park's needs.

Dave Rhody, was pleased with the public forum process and said as a citizen of San Francisco and an event director for many events that occur in the park he felt the Master Plan was well thought out in many ways but that there was a need to reach compromise on some issues. Although the plan speaks about the park being accessible he questioned whether the east end of the Park is accessible. He supported the concept of less traffic in the park but felt people needed to be able to park in the areas around the east end of the park to have access to the institutions, particularly the elderly, people who are physically challenged, and families. A shuttle program must be in place in order for the park to be accessible. Limiting the width of John F. Kennedy Drive at Kezar Drive will create major problems for some of the events that occur in Golden Gate Park. Over the years, the Commission has encouraged running events to exit the park via John F. Kennedy Drive and narrowing the road will be problematic for races such as the Run to the Far Side and the Bay to Breakers as well as bicycle events.

Kathy Tang, spoke in support of the permanent road closures which represent only 5% of the present roads in Golden Gate Park. The proposed road closures will not inhibit north/south traffic, for those wishing to travel from the Richmond to the Sunset Districts. The road closures will promote a much needed park like atmosphere, a retreat from urban pressures of smog, traffic jams and speeding cars. On Sundays when the park is closed you will see families, pedestrians, bicyclists, skaters, and others enjoying the park without the fear of being run over or the presence of smog that cars create. Music and sounds of people enjoying themselves fill the air, rather than cars, noise and honking horns. She urged the support of the 5% road closures.

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Kathy D. Henning, said the park can be enjoyed by bicyclists, in-line skaters and walkers and does not have to affect access to the institutions in the park. She was not sure why all of the closures affected the institutions that people want to visit and use.

Lorraine Grassano, a Park Patrol Officer for the Recreation and Park Department, said the Master Plan is excellent and a good beginning toward creating a balance. She felt that the balance was presently tipped slightly toward the automobile and did not think closing 3/4 mile of unnecessary roadway would be a hardship. She felt that closing Kennedy Drive one out of seven days was not a compromise. This Master Plan would create a more balanced situation. She said there were three things standing in the way of relief from urban pressure: excessive autos, excessive events and amplified sound.

Phil Arnold, Assistant General Manager, Recreation and Park Department, explained that he was a strong supporter of the Master Plan and a regular park user. He voiced his concerns regarding to the park concessions. The concessions generate between $2-3 Million annually for the park and several proposals have been considered by the Commission to make improvements, enhancements and changes to park concessions. Some of these elements are not fully detailed in the Plan. He outlined the problematic issues: ❶The concession behind the Bandshell are temporary and unsightly. He felt it might be wise to create permanent structures in this area; ❷A caretaker cottage should be incorporated into the existing Equestrian Center. Staff has received two bids for the operation of the Stables both of which call for expansion within the footprint of the Stables, and expansion of the structures. ❸Staff has reviewed the Millwright's House and feels that it should be demolished. ❹It is recognized that the arts program, has outgrown the Sharon Building. Staff is not trying to push them out but a new site should be found for the arts program. ❺Tennis Clubhouse may need some modest expansion of the building which should be considered in the environmental review process.

Brian Casey, a mountain bicycle user in the park, said that use of bicycles on off road trails, while it is not presently designated, is something that should be considered in the Master Plan. Mountain bikers are now working with the Park Planner on this issue and understand the issue of erosion and conflict with other park users. He wanted the Master Plan to include some accommodation for off road bicycle use in the park. He commended Deborah Learner who has worked with many users trying to reach a compromise. He felt that the Commission should consider road closures in the western end of the Park so as to not impact the institutions in the east end of the park.

Greg Gaar, member of the Haight Ashbury Neighborhood Council, which is one of the number of coalitions associated with the Coalition for Golden Gate Park, said the Coalition was formed because it initially thought the plan did not propose enough road closures and did not impose enough controls from the impact of the automobile upon the park experience. He felt the plan was now effective in controlling the impact of the motor vehicle on the park experience and said the Coalition supported the plan as presented. He displayed a photograph showing the difference of Kennedy Drive on Saturday with automobiles and on Sundays without vehicles. He also submitted 450 signatures stating that there are too many cars in Golden Gate Park.

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John McCosker, representing California Academy of Sciences, voiced his concern about any future closures along the east end of the park as well as the current closure on Sunday until such time as there is an adequate mechanism to give people access to the park. Closures frustrate people who want to visit the institutions in the east end of the park and burden the neighborhood. Any additional closures should not be done until such time as a mechanism is in place affording people access to the park.

Carol Prince, Strategic Planner for the California Academy of Sciences, urged the Commission to support a 4 hour parking restriction in the eastern end of the park where the institutions are located. A 3 hour limit would restrict people and many visitors who want to enjoy more than one of the institutions in the park. Visitors at the Academy stay 2 hours and 20 minutes and a 3 hour restriction would give them little time to enjoy other areas in the park. The Academy urged the Commission to lobby the MUNI to increase its service to the park on the weekends and to support a shuttle system. The Academy has secured a grant for $100,000 to provide 2 alternative energy vehicles but needs further funding for this shuttle system.

Mike Brown, represented the off road mountain bike users in Golden Gate Park, explained that they were not in the park to run people down. He said the Commission should make a strong effort to enlist mountain bike cyclists to volunteer their time in trail maintenance.

Burton Rockwell, a Board member of the Friends of Recreation and Park, said the Master Plan has a serious conflict that is recognized by everyone who worked on it: The access to the Music Concourse area and the desire to close the Kennedy Drive. He felt that this conflict calls for an underpass under Kennedy Drive to give egress to the Concourse. The other part of the solution is the park shuttle. The only arguments against these solutions is the cost. The Master Plan should reference what the City needs.

Honey Harm, a volunteer at the California Academy of Sciences, said there are approximately 1000 volunteers at the Academy who donate 50,000 hours per year and contribute tremendously to the operation of the Academy. Volunteers need a place to park and a 3 hour parking restriction would hinder the volunteer effort.

Karen Crommie, representing the Cole Valley Improvement Association, congratulated the staff for a marvelous plan that is a wish list for those who live near the Park. She said there were a few omissions from the Plan: amplified music/sound in the park, the presence of catering trucks selling T-shirts in the park, and the omission of the recycling center from the Plan. The recycling center has a specific historic importance to the Haight Ashbury community. However, the Commission has an opportunity to give the Center notice to find a proper industrial site for their operation which now involves big trucks breaking glass, 7 days a week. The center is an imposition to the neighbors of the park who care about preserving the park for recreational purposes. The Association supported the 3 hours parking restriction even though it will result in cars going into the neighborhoods surrounding the park.

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Parker A. Maddux, a member of the Open Space Committee and Board member of the Friends of Recreation and Parks, thought the Master Plan was a brilliant document and he compliment the authors. However, the Plan gives inadequate recognition to the fact that the park is a barrier to north/south transit. The proposed road closures will compress traffic trying to get across the park. The park has some high density uses and automobiles need access to the existing uses in the park. We now live in an aging population with more elderly people who find that the City's transit system is inadequate. He urged the Commission to consider the fact that some people must drive or have other ways to get into the Park.

Art Michel, endorsed the recommendation to decrease automobile use in the park, however, he thought it was important to encourage additional MUNI service. Soon the "F" Line will be begin operating on Market Street. Once the "F" Line is operational, additional MUNI cars could be brought into the park. The destination of Golden Gate Park on a bus line would link the park with regional transit. There will be a need to find a place for the MUNI bus to turn around in the park but some provision should be incorporated into the plan for this type of transit system to the Park.

Darryl Skrabak, a member of the San Francisco Bicycle Coalition and Coalition for Golden Gate Park, supported closure of the North end entrance of Sunset Boulevard into Golden Gate Park and the elimination of a left turn from Martin Luther King onto Crossover Drive. These closures are very important measures which will have an effect on traffic in the West end of the park. He supported a Saturday closure of a portion of Kennedy Drive between 8th Avenue and Kezar Drive. He felt that the proposed 3-4 hour parking restriction should also be considered for weekends to encourage turnover of parking spaces that are desperately needed. There is a conflict of supply and demand at the east end of the Park.

Susan Arnesen, representing the Sunset Richmond Chapter of the Green Party, and a member of the Coalition for Golden Gate Park, said the original purpose of the park was to be a sylvan retreat from urban pressures. She became involved in the planning process to preserve the experience for humans and the wildlife. Road closures will open up space for bicyclists, pedestrians, children, seniors and the wildlife to enjoy this retreat from urban pressures. She would love to see the entire park closed to automobile traffic but realized this was unrealistic. The Master Plan is a compromise for all the many needs of the park. She supported the Master Plan as submitted.

Roberta Borgonovo, a trustee of the California Academy of Sciences, and a member of Golden Gate Park Transportation Task Force, stressed their commitment to work cooperatively with the Coalition for Golden Gate Park and other interested parties to reduce traffic impacts on the park. The Academy is committed to working with the Department to develop a program that will lessen the impact of employee and volunteer traffic on the park. She thanked the Commission for the extensive public input on the plan and Deborah Learner who has been working with the Academy and other interested parties.

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David Garcia, a member of the San Francisco Bicycle Coalition, supported the 5% road closures and thanked the Commission for being responsive to changing the original draft. He was ready to close the entire park to automobile traffic but realized that, as a community, this was unrealistic. He said he was concerned how major events in the Park are handled by the Department. He noted that a large portion of the park was damaged from the Womad concert held in the park, particularly from automobiles. He asked the Commission to consider a low cost valet bicycle parking program that event promoters would be required to use for large events.

Lena Emmery, commended Deborah Learner on the Master Plan and was present to speak about the non-conforming industrial use of the recycling center on park land. She thought it was unfortunate that politics had come into play and that it was removed from an earlier draft of the Master Plan. She encouraged the Commission to remove the recycling center from Golden Gate Park because the City cannot afford to give up this area when it could be used for a recreational activity.

David Lipsky, a member of the Bicycle Advisory Committee to the Board of Supervisors, said the Committee has participated in the Transportation Task Force meetings for the past few years with the objective of keeping the park open to cyclists of all levels and for all types of bicyclists. Bicyclists train on park roads, commuter bicyclists traverse the roads to escape busy streets, tourists rent bicycles to use the trails, and children come with parents to improve their riding skills on car free days. He supported the "T" intersection of Kezar/Kennedy Drive, closure of Middle Drive West, partial Saturday closures, the shuttle system and bicycle path improvements. He supported actions such as road closures and other programs to discourage commuter and through traffic in the park. He asked the Commission to consider the future and encourage San Franciscans to leave their cars at home and bicycle to the park. He pleaded with the Commission to not sacrifice the naturalistic character of the park to accommodate the pressure of private automobiles.

David Snyder, Executive Director of the San Francisco Bicycle Coalition, reiterated that his members would like to see the entire park closed to cars. Thirty percent of the City's households do not have access to any car. The Coalition understood that everyone needs access to the park and felt that the plan is a step in the right direction toward reducing the impact of automobiles on the park. He supported the closure of the entrance to the park at Sunset Blvd. He asked that the Kennedy Drive closure on Saturday be modified so that park visitors would still have access to the institutions. He hoped that people would leave their cars at home to visit the park.

Charles A. Canera, vehemently opposed the recycling center being part of the Kezar area. He felt the center was a noisy intrusion on the neighborhood and is unsightly. He asked that before any action is taken to further their existence that the Commission visit the center which operates 7 days a week and listen to the noise that is generated from the facility and see the operation adjacent to Kezar Stadium. He said the parking lot near the east end of Kezar Stadium is an eyesore and steps should be taken to make it more aesthetically pleasing.

2. **GOLDEN GATE PARK**
GOLDEN GATE PARK MASTER PLAN
ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW (Continued)

Joan Downey, spoke about the recycling center and said an earlier version of the Master Plan had a section in it about the recycling center's non-conforming use within the park. She lives near the recycling center and wanted the language re-inserted into the Plan. She described the industrial use of the center and its practice of sending its trucks throughout the City and bringing the material back into the park. She said that the center could stay at its present location until another site is located. She said that the closing of Waller Street will bring much more traffic to Frederick Street and suggested that Waller Street be made one way going east so people could still go down Kezar and make a left turn onto Stanyan Street.

Jon Allen, said the recycling center is a non-conforming use and is expressly forbidden in the City's Charter as a non-conforming use of park land. There are large trucks coming and going from the center 7 days a week. Its present level of use does not fit into the Master Plan for Golden Gate Park.

David Kinsley, representing the San Francisco Bicycle Coalition, supported reasonable off road bicycling in Golden Gate Park. Bicycling is the largest growing participant sport in the world. Many people mountain bike and he asked that use of the park be given to bicycling and that they be able to participate in maintaining the park. He thanked Deborah Learner for letting the Bicycle Coalition participate in the development of the Master Plan.

Lurilla Harris, said there is no mention of feral cats in the Master Plan. She wanted to know what the policy was for feral cats and wanted it included in the Master Plan. The Executive Summary discussed improved bicycle baths and widening them for multiple uses with better signage. She urged the Commission to designate all paths for separate uses. She did not want to be walking down a path and be run down by a bicyclist or a horse. She felt the renovation of rest rooms should be the first priority in work improvement projects.

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President Immendorf felt the Master Plan was 80% complete, however, he was of the opinion that some of the issues needed further discussion. He noted that the Master Plan states a goal to improve accessibility of park features but proposes permanent and temporary road closures that would create a climate that is contrary to this objective. He said that Saturday closure of John F. Kennedy Drive will hinder access to the Music Concourse and that perhaps another location in the park should be found for activities such as skateboarding, bicycling, rollerskating, etc. He understood both sides of this problem but felt that the disabled and elderly community, and children must be considered as they have no other way to access the institutions. He wanted to be able to endorse some of the proposed road closures but was unwilling to approve them until another alternative means of access was available to the public such as a shuttle system or improved MUNI service.

2. GOLDEN GATE PARK
GOLDEN GATE PARK MASTER PLAN
ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW (Continued)

In response to Commissioner Sommer's question, President Immendorf said he was concerned about many of the road closures and specifically the Saturday closure of John F. Kennedy Drive. He was not voicing support or opposition for any of them but wanted more consideration to be given to the issue of road closures.

Commissioner Chan said the Master Plan is a masterpiece thanks to Deborah Learner and all those who have been involved in the project. He was concerned about the funding plan which showed that revenues generated from admission fees and concessions only paid one-third of the operating costs. He was surprised that this funding gap was taken so lightly. The Commission has been wrestling with a number of concessions in the park such as the Stables, Tennis Courts, and the Beach Chalet, and there has been discussion to expand the buildings in order to bring additional revenue to the park. He said that revenue is the lifeline to the park and given the economic climate of the City the funding program should be considered more carefully.

Commissioner Farrow agreed with the sentiments of her fellow commissioners and said it was gratifying to see the number of people who attended the meeting to express their interest in Golden Gate Park. On behalf of her fellow Commissioners, she thanked Deborah Leaner and other staff members who diligently worked to present a Master Plan that will ensure that everyone will be able to enjoy Golden Gate Park for years to come.

Commissioner Sommer added her commendations to Deborah Learner, Mary Burns, Doug Nelson, and the public who put in long hours to protect the park and its future. She commented that although Commission members may not roller-skate they do enjoy and use the park. She could not approve the park closure on Saturday unless and until a shuttle system is in place or MUNI provides alternate transportation. Such action would impact the institutions in the Music Concourse area and she considered them important to the lifeblood and culture of the City. She said a shuttle is an absolute necessity. She also wanted to know what happened to the language pertaining to the recycling center and felt this issue needed to be addressed as well as issues relating to bicycling and the concessions. Finally, she commented that if a new location could be found for log storage, one of the three acres of the land that has been taken away from the bison could be returned. She did not want to remove trees that have been planted in this area because they provide a necessary windbreak for the park. She also supported the 4 hour parking restriction proposed.

Commissioner Rovetti said he was concerned about accessibility issues for everyone who visits Golden Gate Park. He felt that locking up one of the most beautiful drives in the park for roller-skating is wrong. He noted that since Kennedy Drive has been closed on Sundays attendance at the institutions has decreased. He was not opposed to special interest groups but wanted to have Kennedy Drive open on both Saturdays and Sundays so that people can visit the park.

2. **GOLDEN GATE PARK**
GOLDEN GATE PARK MASTER PLAN
ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW (Continued)

Commissioner Mazzola commended Deborah Learner and said as a fairly new commissioner he was overwhelmed with the information contained in the Master Plan. He thanked the community for attending the meeting and giving their views because the many viewpoints raised his awareness. There are more questions that need to be answered before he could vote to forward the Master Plan to City Planning for environmental review.

President Immendorf said that another meeting should be scheduled and was glad that this meeting was held to hear comments and receive input from the public. Those comments help the Commission make a thoughtful decision in the best interest of all. He was pleased that most of the comments related to traffic flow and parking and that it was a testament to the hard work that has been done by staff.

Commissioner Ruiz thanked the public for participating in this process and was pleased to see the number of people who are concerned about this beautiful piece of land. He heartily thanked both staff and the community for their work.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

At this time members of the public may address the Commission on items that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Recreation and Park Commission. Members of the public may address the Commission for up to three minutes. The President or the Commission may limit the total testimony to 30 minutes.

Note for the Record: No Public Comment was received.

4. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the Special Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shauna Marie Rose
Commission Secretary

Note: These minutes set forth all actions taken by the Recreation and Park Commission on matters stated, but not necessarily the chronological order in which the matters were taken up

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RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION

MINUTES

695TH REGULAR MEETING

THURSDAY, JULY 21, 1994 - 2:00 P.M.

The Six Hundred Ninety Fifth Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Thursday, July 21, 1994 at 2:00 p.m. by President Jack Immendorf.

1. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioner Jack Immendorf, President
Commissioner Larry Mazzola, Vice President
Commissioner Sidney Chan
Commissioner Bella Farrow
Commissioner Vincent J. Rovetti
Commissioner Santiago Ruiz
Absent: Commissioner Sue Sommer

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Commissioner Rovetti, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 16, 1994, were approved as presented.

3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

General Manager, Mary E. Burns, presented the following report:

"EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION As part of the Department's ongoing Employee Recognition Program, the Park Division has nominated gardeners Cloyd Buck, Deborra Knotts and John Lasley for recognition for their exemplary work at the Japanese Tea Garden. Jim Cooney, Acting Superintendent of Parks, will make the presentation.

BUDGET UPDATE The Board of Supervisors has approved a budget for 1994-95. This budget reduces the funding for the Recreation and Park Department by an additional $213,698. The reduction was taken from employee salaries. The total general fund reduction from the budget which was submitted to the Mayor is now approximately $2.2 million. The most troubling aspect of this budget is the underfunding of employee salaries. This underfunding is the equivalent of approximately 27 full-time positions. The department currently has 15 vacant positions. Therefore, in order to meet the requirements of the 1994-95 budget, this department will have to impose a hiring freeze until an additional 12 positions become vacant.

3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)

HAMILTON RECREATION CENTER On Wednesday, July 6, Hamilton Recreation Center was the scene of a tragic and unfortunate incident. During a recreational league basketball game, a young man from the Hunters Point team was shot and killed by a random shot fired into the gym. This is the first incident of this type for any of our recreation facilities. The random nature of the incident has had a demoralizing effect on staff and sessions are now under way to help all involved cope with this tragic situation. The victim was a youngster only 15 years old named Abiel Toeaini who lived in Hunters Point. I am sure I am joined by the Commission and the entire Department in expressing our deepest sympathy to the family and friends.

CANDLESTICK OUTSIDE PARKING LOTS In June the City Planning Commission considered a proposal to rezone to residential use much of the property around Candlestick Park which is currently used for over-flow parking. Normally, a residential use zoning would preclude the use of these properties for parking. However, the Zoning Administrator has informed this department that if these properties are rezoned a provision for parking would be included in the rezoning. If these properties are used for parking in the future, the City will be requiring temporary lighting for night events, disabled access parking and portable restrooms. On July 20, 1994, the Department received four bids for Parking Lot 6 at Candlestick Park, located near the corner of Harney and Jamestown. This agreement is for one year with three one-year options. Staff is currently reviewing the qualifications of each bidder and will bring the contract for ratification to the September Commission meeting.

PACIFIC ROD AND GUN CLUB As reported last month, there is new leadership at the Pacific Rod and Gun Club, and there was concern about various deadlines required by the Regional Water Quality Control Board's cease and desist order. I am happy to report that the Pacific Rod and Gun Club has responded to the Department's request for more information. They say that at this time that they have met the compliance deadlines established by the Regional Water Quality Control Board. They presented a work plan by the compliance date of June 1, 1994, to study the effects of lead shots on Lake Merced's water fowl as required by the Regional Board. Staff will contact the Regional Board to determine if the work plan will be approved as submitted. The monitoring study will take place over a 12-month period. The next compliance date is October 1, at which time the Club will discontinue the use of lead shots.

CAPITAL PROJECTS I am pleased to report the successful completion of two capital projects–Portsmouth Square and the Spreckels Temple of Music. The bandshell rededication was the highlight of the All Nations Day held on July 3. The Portsmouth Square reopening was celebrated on July 14. The festivities included a lion dance performed by four-year olds, distribution of lucky red envelopes and a ribbon-cutting by the children's play area attended by Mayor Jordan and participants from the Chinese community. Both projects were completed on time and within budget and were designed and the construction managed by City staff.

PUSHCART BIDS The food vending pushcart sites in Golden Gate Park and various neighborhood parks were advertised for bids during the month of May. Bids were awarded to various vendors (a list is attached to this report), and the operation started July 1, 1994. For uniformity purposes, this year's permit requires all vendors in Golden Gate Park to use the Department issued green umbrella and canopy imprinted "Golden Gate Park." Except for a few vendors, the majority of them were able to obtain the umbrella and canopy on time.

3. **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)**

STOW LAKE - BIKE RENTALS The concessionaire at Stow Lake has notified us that his insurance coverage for bicycle rentals will expire at the end of this month. The concessionaire does not wish to renew his insurance and has requested approval to sublease the bicycle concession. The Stow Lake lease allows the subleasing of this concession with the approval of the Commission. However, the Commission will not be able to review this matter until its September meeting. In order to avoid an interruption in the bicycle concession, staff has agreed to a two-month assignment of the operation of bicycle rentals at Stow Lake. This period will allow the property management division to assess the new concessionaire and continue to provide the existing service to the public during the busy summer months.

CANDLESTICK CONVERSION As the football pre-season approaches, the Candlestick Conversion crews have been planning like never before. Over the years, there have been several times when the field has had to be changed from baseball to football configuration or vice-versa in less than 24 hours. The task has always been accomplished on time; once in only 17 hours. Last year, the Giants added new moveable bleachers in left centerfield. These had to be moved for field conversions. Although done by others under contract, up to 12 hours were added to the conversion time. Now, another section of moveable bleachers has been added in centerfield, and new on-field seating near the dugouts has been added. All this, along with new supports, safety railings, bullpens, etc., will have to be moved with unknown additional time requirements. Fortunately, the first two field conversions allow several days to complete. The third promises to be interesting. The Giants play Atlanta on Sunday afternoon, September 4, 1994. Then the 49'ers home opener is Monday, September 5, at 6:00 p.m., leaving very little time for conversion. The Department's stadium staff, field crews, staff from Structural Maintenance (the Yard), and the rigging contractor (Sheedy Drayage) have already had two in-depth meetings to coordinate these moves. Hopefully, the new procedure will be fine-tuned by the first two field conversions.

GUSTAVE DORE VASE Harry S. Parker III, the Director of Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco, has requested that the temporary placement of the Gustave Dore vase in the Golden Gate Park Concourse area be extended through June 30, 1995. I have authorized this extension administratively because the placement of the vase in the Concourse has been successful and there has been no evidence of vandalism. When construction work at the Legion of Honor concludes in November 1995, the vase will be relocated to that site.

STRAWBERRY SPRING MUSIC FESTIVAL The Strawberry Music Festival at Camp Mather on Memorial Day weekend was a success. There were 3,927 adults and 708 children in attendance. The event generated $351,315.00; the Department netted $41,790. The weather was warm throughout the festival. The camp ground was cleaned in a timely manner pursuant to the lease schedule.

PALACE OF FINE ARTS LAGOON Results of tests conducted by the Environmental Health Services Division of the Department of Public Health show that there is no indication of sewage in the lagoon. Recreation and Park staff have been meeting weekly with representatives from the Water Department and the Department of Public Works' Clean Water Program to plot a course of action to resolve the proliferation of algae in the lagoon. Short term, Recreation and Park staff have manually removed the algae and are doing a clean-up of the shoreline. In addition, a questionnaire was distributed to neighbors seeking their comments on the lagoon, its past history and their concerns.

3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)

PALACE OF FINE ARTS LAGOON (Continued) Long term, the lagoon will be dredged of nutrient rich silt and deposits; this has not been done for approximately 15 years and will curb the quantities of algae seen this year. However, the preliminary cost estimate for this work is $140,000, which is beyond the capacity of the Department's budget. Additionally, in cooperation with the Exploratorium, areas will be planted with ornamental aquatic plants which will take nutrients from the water as well. Two additional aerifying systems will also be installed to improve oxygenation. The Exploratorium will also work with the Department in developing an educational exhibit on the lagoon to try to reduce or eliminate the amount of organic matter that is tossed into the lagoon by visitors and school groups.

TENNIS CONCESSION The Golden Gate Park tennis shop and courts #5, 18, 19 and 20 and various neighborhood tennis courts were advertised for bids during the early part of July. Bids are due at 3:00 P.M., Wednesday, July 20, 1994. A list of bids will be compiled by Tuesday, July 26, 1994 to determine the successful bidders.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING/LOCAL 856 After more than a year and a half of labor negotiations, mediation and fact finding, we have finally reached agreement on a Memorandum of Understanding with Teamsters Local 856, representing the Animal Keepers at the Zoo. It has been a long and arduous process. Through the Memorandum we have begun the process of instituting a sectional system with team responsibilities, as well as continuing individual assignments. The membership voted their approval on July 6, 1994. If you are interested, a copy of the Memorandum of Understanding is available.

MARINA YACHT HARBOR DREDGING Only one bid for this work was received by the deadline of July 20. It was from Dutra Construction Company. Because of a problem with the bid's submittal, it has not been opened and a legal determination is being made as to whether it is awardable. There are two major time constraints involving this project. In order for the work to be done prior to the Big Boat Series, which takes place September 15-18, a contract has to be certified very quickly. In addition, the Charter requires that this Commission, which will not meet again until September, approve the award. Because of these time constraints, I would suggest that the Commission give staff the authority to proceed with a contract not to exceed $300,000 with Dutra Construction Company after appropriate review and recommendation by the City Attorney, the Department of Public Works and the Human Rights Commission. The contract will then be calendared for ratification in September.

Note for the Record:
The Commission gave the General Manager permission to proceed with the dredging contract.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday, July 22, 1994 Friday, July 29, 1994	Night Tour 1994; 5:30-9:00 p.m.; San Francisco Zoo
Thursday, August 25, 1994	San Francisco County Fair Flower Show Preview; 6:30-8:30 p.m.; County Fair Building, Golden Gate Park
Friday, August 26, 1994 Saturday, August 27, 1994 Sunday, August 28, 1994	San Francisco County Fair Flower Show, 10:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.; County Fair Building, Golden Gate Park

3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)

DATES TO REMEMBER (Continued)

Monday, September 5, 1994	Labor Day Holiday
Tuesday, September 6, 1994	Parks and Planning Committee; 4:00 p.m.; McLaren Lodge
Wednesday, September 7, 1994	Joint Zoo Committee; 4:30 p.m. tour, 5:00 p.m. meeting Education Classroom, San Francisco Zoo
Thursday, September 8, 1994	Finance and Candlestick Committee; 3:00 p.m.; McLaren Lodge
Saturday, September 17, 1994	Opening of Feline Conservation Center; 12:00 noon; San Francisco Zoo"

4. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

All matters listed hereunder constitute a Consent Calendar, are considered to be routine by the Recreation and Park Commission and will be acted upon by a single roll call vote of the Commission. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member so requests, in which event the matter shall be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered as a separate item.

On motion of Commissioner Rovetti, seconded by Commissioner Ruiz, the following resolutions were adopted:

a. PERSONNEL MATTERS **RES. NO. 16937**

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies the actions taken by the General Manager regarding personnel matters during the period June 3, 1994 through July 1, 1994.

b. RECREATION DIVISION **RES. NO. 16938**
TENDERLOIN RECREATION CENTER
OVERNIGHT TRIP

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves an overnight camping and river rafting trip from August 13-14, 1994 for the Tenderloin Recreation Center.

c. UNION SQUARE **RES. NO. 16939**
PARK CLOSURE

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the park closure from 12:00 Midnight to 6:00 a.m. for Union Square.

d. LAFAYETTE PARK **RES. NO. 16940**
DOG FREE TOT AREA

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves installation of fencing to create a dog free tot area in Lafayette Park.

4. **CONSENT CALENDAR (Continued)**

e. **ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS** **RES. NO. 16941**

RESOLVED, That this Commission accepts the following gifts valued at $21,900.00, for the Recreation and Park Department:

1. From Macy's/Bullocks, through Friends of Recreation and Parks, $1,500.00, for the Recreation and Park Department Reforestation Program.

2. From Mr. and Mrs. Tucker Ingham, through Friends of Recreation and Parks, $500.00, for the Park Maintenance Fund.

3. From Mr. Ray Monteroso, through Friends of Recreation and Parks, $1,000.00, for Kezar Equipment.

4. From Lemat Corporation, through Friends of Recreation and Parks, $500.00, for the Department's Late Night Basketball Program.

5. From the National Society of the Colonial Dames of America in California, through Friends of Recreation and Parks, $4,900.00, for the Adopt a Monument Fund.

6. From San Francisco Croquet Club, through Friends of Recreation and Parks, $2,500.00, for the Park Maintenance Fund.

7. From an anonymous donor, through Friends of Recreation and Parks, $1,500.00, for Mission Playground.

8. From Midtown Terrace Home Owners Association, Inc., through Friends of Recreation and Parks, $500.00, for the Midtown Park Playground.

9. From McKesson Foundation, through Friends of Recreation and Parks, $3,000.00 for Mission Playground.

10. From Betty Silverman, through Friends of Recreation and Parks, $1,000.00 for the Equestrian Trails Fund.

11. From The San Francisco Foundation through Friends of Recreation and Parks, $5,000.00 for the Tenderloin Recreation Center.

f. **SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS ANIMAL TRANSACTIONS** **RES. NO. 16942**

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies the following animal transactions for the San Francisco Zoological Gardens which were processed under Resolution No. 13572:

DONATION FROM: Oakland Zoo
P. O. Box 5238
Oakland, CA 94650
USDA 93-C-005
One (1) Female Red-Tailed Hawk

SOLD TO: St. Paul's Como Zoo
Midway Park & Kaufman Drive
St. Paul's MN 55130
USDA 41-C-054
One (1) Female Emperor Tamarin, valued at $750

4. **CONSENT CALENDAR (Continued)**

f. **SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS ANIMAL TRANSACTIONS (Continued)** — **RES. NO. 16942 (Continued)**

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies the following animal transactions for the San Francisco Zoological Gardens which were processed under Resolution No. 13572:

SOLD TO: Glen Oak Zoo
2218 N Prospect Road
Peoria, IL 61603
USDA 33-C-001
One (1) Female Kookaburra, valued at $250

SOLD TO: John Ball Zoo
1300 W. Fulton
Grand Rapids, MI 49504
USDA 34-C-003
Two (2) Male Crested Screamer, valued at $800 (Breeding Loan Progeny-Dallas)

DONATION TO: Safari West
3115 Porter Creek Road
Santa Rosa, CA 95404
USDA 93-B-093
One (1) Male Mandarin Duck

SOLD TO: Fort Worth Zoo
1989 Colonial Parkway
Evansville, IN 47720-5500
USDA 32-C-011
One (1) Male Emperor Tamarin valued at $400

SOLD TO: Sacramento Zoo
3930 West Land Park Drive
Sacramento, CA 95822-1123
USDA 93-C-008
One (1) Female Nyala, valued at $1500

g. **CIVIC CENTER PLAZA SHADOW IMPACT** — **RES. NO. 16943**

RESOLVED, That this Commission finds the shadow impact on Civic Center Plaza by the proposed Courthouse building constitutes insignifcant shading of the Plaza and is within the approved criteria.

GENERAL CALENDAR

5. **SENIOR SERVICES PLAN PRESENTATION TO COMMISSION**

Presentation of the Senior Services Plan.

Superintendent of Recreation, Joel Robinson, explained that conceptual approval was being asked for a City-wide senior services plan which has been developed over the last 2 years. Two years ago, then Supervisor Jim Gonzalez, established a special task force to write a strategic five year plan to address the needs of the senior population and to provide delivery of services to seniors in San Francisco. This 22 member task force included a representative from the Recreation and Park Department, Mr. Peter Ashe, who assisted in the development of the senior services plan.

5. SENIOR SERVICES PLAN
PRESENTATION TO COMMISSION (Continued)

John Blumlein, co-chair of the Senior Services Task Force, gave a brief overview of the Senior Services Plan, explaining that in March, 1992, Supervisor Jim Gonzalez formed a senior citizens plan task force and charged the Task Force to hold neighborhood meetings, to do studies and present to the Board of Supervisors a written strategic plan on the projected service needs for seniors over a 5 year period through 1999. The recommendations will form a greater collaboration with City agencies. Over 23% of the San Francisco senior citizen population is defined as 55 and over and their needs are growing. Some of the major needs and goals for seniors are:

→Better access to information and available services from agencies such as Department of Social Services, Recreation and Park Department, health programs, etc.
→Improved health care through prevention programs
→Unmet housing needs
→Need for reliable, affordable, accessible and safe transit
→Need for better security and safety on the streets or in their homes

Six community meetings were held throughout the City with participants from over 1200 seniors and service providers, department heads, commissioners, and members of the Board of Supervisors. The concept is to locally offer access to information so that seniors do not have to go to each particular City agency to become informed about programs. Collaboration between all the service providers and all City departments is necessary for the success of this program. The Task Force has met with the Mayor who has given conceptual approval of the program and offered to be of assistance. The Health Commission recently endorsed the plan and meetings are soon scheduled with the Commission on Aging, Social Services Commission, Housing Authority, Police Commission, and Parking and Traffic Commission. Some of the service providers are concerned that once the Senior Centers are formed their budgets will be reduced, however, the plan is to offer more efficient services for seniors.

Sandy Mori, co-chair of the Senior Services Task Force, explained that the Task Force divided the City into 10 geographic areas that have between 15,000-20,000 seniors to reflect the high concentration of seniors. The placement of the Senior Centers will be determined by the geographic neighborhood areas. "Senior Centrals" must meet three criteria:

❶To be the central point of information, have access to a computer system and an information referral system. The Commission on Aging will be the lead agency for the plan. Seniors are not required to go to the facility that is in their neighborhood because it is very important for seniors to self determine for themselves.
❷To coordinate volunteers in the neighborhood to get involved in the senior center.
❸Assess the needs of seniors who come to the Senior Central and refer them to various services or City agencies.

Ms. Mori said the program is to prevent seniors from becoming frail to the point that they have to go to an institution and to get them involved at an earlier age as a form of prevention. Prevention services are less expensive than being in an institution. Recreation and Park is one of the City agencies that can assist in this process.

5. **SENIOR SERVICES PLAN**
PRESENTATION TO COMMISSION (Continued)

Mr. Blumlein said the projected start-up cost for each Senior Central is approximately $15,000. He felt that the bulk of funds can be received from foundations and corporations in the Bay Area. The Senior Centrals will be phased in as follows: five in the first year; two in the second year; three in the third year. It is estimated that the operating cost per Senior Central will be $130,000 per year. The total cost when all ten Senior Centrals are open will be approximately $1.3 Million per year. The Task Force is hoping to raise funds through the State Commission on Aging, the Older American Act, some of the more affluent seniors may make contributions from time-to-time, and an increase in the percentage of the off-street parking tax which now goes to the Commission on Aging.

Commissioner Ruiz thanked the members of the Task Force for the time and effort they have given on this project and noted that they have invested a significant amount of time, and energy to develop this program.

On motion of Commissioner Ruiz, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. 16944

WHEREAS, The twenty-one member San Francisco Senior Services Plan Task Force, created by the Board of Supervisors in 1992 and including seven City Departments providing services to seniors, has developed a Strategic Plan for the future; and

WHEREAS, The Senior Services Plan Task Force has convened a series of public hearings in five neighborhoods and will appear before seven Commissions; and

WHEREAS, The Planning process was a collaborative effort with seniors, service provides, advocates, and City Departments to assure older San Franciscans will have access to a continuum of services; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Recreation and Park Commission and the Recreation and Park Department support the concepts in the proposed plan, which would promote and work towards an integrated, coordinated, consumer-oriented system of senior services.

Note for the Record: The Commission approved this item by the following vote:
Commissioners: Chan, Farrow, Immendorf, Mazzola, Rovetti, Ruiz
Absent: Commissioner Sommer

6. **SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS**
AVIAN CONSERVATION CENTER PLAN

Conceptual approval of San Francisco Zoological Society's Avian Conservation Center Plan.

Zoo Director, David Anderson, explained that the Avian Conservation Center will be built on the joint use site at the Zoo, at the base of Herbst Road and is part of the mitigation measures from the Infrastructure Bond project. Construction of the infrastructure improvements will begin in 1995-96 and staging for construction will occur along the Fleishacker side of the Zoo. Some of the construction is anticipated to interfere with some of the exhibits where birds are held.

6. **SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS**
AVIAN CONSERVATION CENTER PLAN (Continued)

This complex will house the current avian conservation birds and any birds that are displaced by construction. The center will consist of an administration building, and a large number of holding enclosures for the birds, from small enclosures for small birds to the very large enclosures that will hold birds such as storks or California condors. Two-thirds of the funding will come from the mitigation funds from the Infrastructure Bond and the balance of funds will come from the Zoological Society. The project will be phased in two parts. The first phase will include the administration building and the enclosures; the second phase will be for the condor, stork, and large bird enclosure. The design of the building will blend with California coastal architecture. The administration building is closest to the forested area to take advantage of the sunlight during the Winter and Summer. It is a two story building with a kitchen facility, offices, and library.

On recommendation of the Joint Zoo Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Ruiz, seconded by Commissioner Rovetti, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16945

RESOLVED, That this Commission conceptually approves the San Francisco Zoological Society's Avian Conservation Center Plan.

Note for the Record: The Commission approved this item by the following vote:
Commissioners: Chan, Farrow, Immendorf, Mazzola, Rovetti, Ruiz
Absent: Commissioner Sommer

7. **SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS**
SOUTH AMERICAN GATEWAY

Conceptual approval of the San Francisco Zoological Society's South American Gateway.

Zoo Director, David Anderson, explained that the South American Gateway will be the first major exhibit for the Zoo. Construction will begin in March, 1995 and will be completed within a year. The location of the new exhibit is on the site of the current Monkey Island. The monkey island exhibit will be removed and the area will be expanded for placement of the South American Gateway.

The Gateway, which is a large exhibit, will be accessed from the plaza area as well as from the South gate. There will be an entry walkway with special tropical plantings, graphics, and interactive devices so that people have an understanding that they are entering the South American area. The exhibit complex will have a South American tropical seasonal forest, a large, open area, about 15,000 sq. ft. with mixed species. The barrier of the exhibit will be a simulated river bank, a mud wall. It is comprised of rock work that will be 8' height to retain the animals. The animals will be a combination of reptiles, birds and mammals, including the tapir, capybara, some howler monkeys, and tamarins. There will also be a South American cloud forest area for birds and an underwater viewing area for large South American fish. The walkways takes the visitor to the existing lower lake which will be improved with the addition of more water fowl. The area will be wooden and will appear more like a pier.

7. **SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS**
SOUTH AMERICAN GATEWAY (Continued)

There will be an off-exhibit housing area accessible to the public so that visitors can go behind the scenes and see the food preparation and holding quarters. The entrance into the exhibit will be a simulated South American village with a very large glass wall to act as a barrier for the animals and to give a clear viewing of the island complex. As one walks through the exhibit there will be a second area, the aviary that will reach a height of 24'. It is a large complex (9,000 sq. ft.) and the Zoo expects to house a large number of bird species. There will also be off exhibit areas for storage, food preparation, and office facilities for the staff.

President Immendorf was excited about this project and complimented staff. Commissioner Rovetti also expressed support for the many projects planned for the Zoo.

On recommendation of the Joint Zoo Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Rovetti, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16946

RESOLVED, That this Commission conceptually approves the San Francisco Zoological Society's South American Gateway.

Note for the Record: The Commission approved this item by the following vote:
Commissioners: Chan, Farrow, Immendorf, Mazzola, Rovetti, Ruiz
Absent: Commissioner Sommer

8. **GOLDEN GATE PARK**
BEACH CHALET
RESTORATION PROJECT

Approval of Beach Chalet restoration project Phase II (Federal Grant Bond Project) in Golden Gate Park.

Park Planner, Deborah Learner, displayed a site plan showing the Beach Chalet and explained that the Chalet received more than $1 Million in infrastructure improvements in 1986, however, it did not complete all of the necessary work. In years past, staff has put the Beach Chalet out to bid hoping to find a concessionaire who would complete the additional improvements which include disabled access, an elevator, and completion of restrooms. In the past, the prospective tenants were not able to secure financing to allow them to complete these basic improvements and operate a viable concession. Fortunately, a grant has been secured through the Inter Modal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA), and funds from the 1992 Golden Gate Park Bond to complete disabled access improvements and interior finishes. The plan is to place ramps that will come into the main portico of the building and another that will extend to the back of the building for emergency egress. The interior improvements will complete the restrooms and the elevator has now been relocated toward the back of the building which will cause minimal impact since the Chalet is a landmark building. The grant funds will be primarily used for the first floor which is slated for visitor services as well as lighting and pathway access to the building. The second floor will be used for a future concession. The concessionaire will have to provide funds to complete the second floor.

8. **GOLDEN GATE PARK BEACH CHALET RESTORATION PROJECT (Continued)**

In response to Commissioner Chan's questions, Ms. Learner said that this project will not affect the prospective tenant. However, staff is working with the prospective tenant to make sure that everything is coordinated with the proposed tenant improvements. The Master Plan for Golden Gate Park references a plan for a possible outdoor sculpture area outside the Beach Chalet. Ms. Learner explained that the bids for the Beach Chalet have been returned and staff is in the process of analyzing them.

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning Zoo Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Farrow, seconded by Commissioner Mazzola, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16947

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the Beach Chalet restoration project Phase II (Federal Grant 1992 Infrastructure Bond Project) in Golden Gate Park.

Note for the Record: The Commission approved this item by the following vote:
Commissioners: Chan, Farrow, Immendorf, Mazzola, Rovetti, Ruiz
Absent: Commissioner Sommer

9. **UNION SQUARE SHADOW IMPACT**

Consideration of shadow impact of the proposed 216 Stockton Street on Union Square.

Park Planner, Deborah Learner, explained that this item was reviewed at the Committee level and since that time there has been a more up-to-date memorandum outlining the scope of the project. By way of background, Ms. Learner explained that a sign is being proposed in the vicinity of Union Square. In previous action, the Commission had considered another sign and, at that time, the provisions of the City's Shadow Ordinance dictated that parks in the downtown area of San Francisco have what is known as a "shadow budget" and only so much additional shadow has been determined to be allowed for certain parks. The previous sign occupied all but 1/4000th of one percent of additional shadow on Union Square. This gave only a sliver of amount of additional shadow that could be permitted on Union Square. A new sign has now been proposed which will cast an additional 3 thousands of a percentage of additional shadow on the park. This translates to one thousands over the "shadow budget" that was approved for Union Square. The staff position is that this sign would create an impact because it is over the shadow limit established for this park. However, the shadow determinations are done on a computer program and there is a margin of error.

The City Planning Department has considered this additional shadow to be diminimous and of no consequence or merit and is prepared to recommend approval.

In response to President Immendorf's comment, Ms. Learner said the Commission may consider the fact that the computer program does allow for a margin of error. In addition, the shadow is for a limited time period and would fall on the park for 3-1/4 months a year and would leave the park before 9:30 a.m. It is a very small amount of shadow.

9. **UNION SQUARE**
SHADOW IMPACT (Continued)

Michael Burke, representing Mr. Lou Sneider, the individual who would like to place a Sony videotron sign on the roof of 216 Stockton Street building, displayed a photograph of Union Square depicting the proposed placement of the sign. The proposal is to install a jumbotron to fill the gap between two adjoining buildings. The impact of the sign would fit within the error factor of the computer study. He felt that there was not substantial evidence to support the finding that the sign would cast a shadow since the shadow is for a limited time of year, and only occurs early in the morning. He urged the Commission to render a decision that there would be no significant impact from the proposed sign.

On motion of Commissioner Rovetti, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16948

RESOLVED, That this Commission finds the shadow impact of the proposed sign to be placed on 216 Stockton Street constitutes insignificant shading on Union Square and is within the approved criteria.

Note for the Record: The Commission approved this item by the following vote:
Commissioners: Chan, Farrow, Immendorf, Mazzola, Rovetti, Ruiz Absent: Commissioner Sommer

10. **PRECITA PARK**
RENOVATION

Approval of proposed west end improvements and new pedestrian path at Precita Park.

Park Planner, Joanne Wilson, explained that the item before the Commission is approval of the conceptual plan for Precita Park. Ms. Wilson displayed a drawing of the proposed pathway along the southern edge of the park and other improvements on the west end of the park. These improvements include security lighting (2 or 3 light standards near the MUNI bus stop), a new courtyard, a seating area, new benches, new bollards, steps, new picnic tables, and the proposed pathway that can be accessed from the northwest corner of the park or from the southwest corner to provide disabled access to the rest of the park. The Urban Forestry Division has been performing some of tree work and has replaced some of the 60-70 year old trees which were at the end of their life cycle and in a declining state. In addition, these trees had root problems from being planted adjacent to retaining walls and curbs. The new trees are being planted and placed 8' from the curbs and retaining walls. This project will be funded through the Open Space Program and approximately $65,000 has been banked to date for this project. The cost estimate is $210,000 which does not include fees from the Department of Public Works. Several community meetings were held on this plan and she recommended approval.

In response to President Immendorf's question, Ms. Wilson said the Department of Public Works' planning and design fees are approximately $15,000 to $20,000, and construction management will be 20,000 to $25,000.

On recommendation of Parks and Planning Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Farrow, seconded by Commissioner Mazzola, the following resolution was adopted:

10. PRECITA PARK
RENOVATION (Continued)

RES. NO. 16949

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the west end improvements and new pedestrian path at Precita Park.

Note for the Record: The Commission approved this item by the following vote:
Commissioners: Chan, Farrow, Immendorf, Mazzola, Rovetti, Ruiz
Absent: Commissioner Sommer

11. GLEN CANYON PARK
ROPES COURSE RELOCATION

Approval to relocate the ropes course at Glen Canyon Park.

Park Planner, Joanne Wilson, displayed diagrams that showed the rope apparatus and explained that the ropes course is an activity that has occurred at Glen Canyon Park since 1985. It is part of the 4H Wilderness Program sponsored by the San Francisco Police Department Adventure Program and also the Urban Pioneer Program at McAteer High School. The ropes course is currently divided into 2 sections, one that has low elements located east of the tennis courts and a high elements course located north of the recreation center. When the ropes course is operational, the participants set up life line ropes. Those who use the high ropes cannot see what is going on at the low elements and vise versa, which creates a safety and theft problem. There would be no cost to the Department to relocate the ropes course. Staff recommended approval.

Wayne MacDonald, supported the relocation of the course and was concerned about the safety aspect on the ropes course.

Colin Beardsley, supported the relocation of the ropes course and spoke about the safety issue. He discussed a very dangerous incident when one of the trees fell on the course.

Walt Scott, a police officer, and part of the Wilderness Program, said the rope course is an important activity in their program which builds individual confidence, team work and trust among young teens and police officers. The program which has over 1000 participants is used as practice for backpacking and river rafting adventures. He said the ropes course would be much more efficient if it was moved to the proposed location.

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Farrow, seconded by Commissioner Chan, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16950

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the relocation of the ropes course at Glen Canyon Park.

Note for the Record: The Commission approved this item by the following vote:
Commissioners: Chan, Farrow, Immendorf, Mazzola, Rovetti, Ruiz
Absent: Commissioner Sommer

12. MARINA GREEN
MULTIPLE DAY EVENT

Consideration of the request from the National Football League/San Francisco 49ers to stage an event at the Marina Green on September 3, 4, 5, 1994.

Superintendent of Recreation, Joel Robinson, explained that the Commission was being asked to approve a multiple day event to be held at the Marina Green on September 3-5, 1994. This event is being proposed by the National Football League (NFL) and the San Francisco 49ers. It is an event that is designed to celebrate the opening of the NFL season and is called the NFL Kick Off Weekend. This event is a family style festival. Last year the event was held in Washington, D.C., on the mall. This year the event will be featured on ABC's Monday Night Football. San Francisco was chosen to host the event out of the 27 cities that applied.

The promoters would like to use the Marina Green area because it provides the City's most recognizable and scenic attractions, the Golden Gate Bridge, Alcatraz, and the San Francisco Bay. This event is in great demand throughout the country and the City is fortunate to have been chosen to host this event.

The festival portion of the event is a series of interactive games and activities that are family oriented to give football fans and the casual observer an opportunity to actively participate in some of the games related to the NFL. The event is free, and the promoters expect a possible maximum attendance of 30,000 during the two day period.

The promoters would like to erect a fence around the activities for 3 reasons: ❶to act as a windbreak to protect equipment, ❷to designate entry and egress points to the event, and ❸to contain sound within the event. Staff feels that the promoters are very sensitive to the community's concerns and will work with staff to host events that are well done. There will be no commercial advertisements on the fence and all sound will conform to the existing sound regulations for the Marina Green. Any use of amplified sound outside of the existing regulations will be done at a low volume or with equipment that is 10 watts or less and does not require a sound permit. The only reason sound would be used outside of the existing sound policy would be for emergency announcements. There will be no blow-ups or balloons of commercial advertising during the event. A janitorial firm will be hired to clean during and after the event to keep the area tidy. The promoters will off-load from the parking lot so as to not damage the Green and will use a light fork lift to move the equipment from the paved area onto the grassy area. The promoter will offer transportation to underprivileged children to the event and will work with the Police Department to conform to the existing ordinances and traffic restrictions on Marina Blvd. Mr. Robinson said the letter outlines a proposed list of set-up and take-down for the event. This is a unique event that will enhance the possibility of the City being able to host a Super Bowl. The country will be watching this event and staff feels that they will be able to work with the promoters to mitigate the impact on the community.

12. MARINA GREEN
MULTIPLE DAY EVENT (Continued)

Janette Barroca, representing the Marina Civic Improvement and Property Owners Association, said she just learned of this event this morning and understood that the application was received by the Department on July 13, 1994. She felt an event of this size should not be handled this way and that it was being pushed through the approval process. This event will take place during Labor Day weekend and the boaters are also enjoying the Labor Day weekend. She reminded the Commission that the Marina Green is a small area in the City and crowds impact the area. The Fort Mason Foundation also has a planned event for the Labor Day weekend which will attract 3000 per day. There will be a major impact from this event and she felt that there were other suitable sites in the City such as Kezar Stadium or McLaren Park. She also suggested that high school football fields could be utilized for this event and felt that the Marina Green was not the place for this type of event.

Patricia Vaughey, explained that she only learned the details of this event this morning and said the neighbors were only made aware of it in a passing comment made at a meeting held in the Mayor's Office. She had spoken to an individual associated with the event who said that he had been working with the Department for 6 months on this project. She questioned why they were not informed about this event in a timely fashion. She wondered why the event needed to be held on a grassy area when it was held on the Washington Mall last year. She suggested using Civic Center, Kezar Stadium, or the Polo Fields and resented not being consulted about the event. She noted that the Fort Mason parking lot will be filled because of an event being held there and said that underprivileged children will not be aware of this event unless it is held in their neighborhood. She was opposed to fencing and asked if alcohol was being served and if local merchants were being used.

Jack Kaus, representing the St. Francis Yacht Club, said he, too, learned of this event this morning, and said the Club has an annual event with approximately 150 boats that will be coming into the area on September 2, 3, 4, 5, 1994. He anticipated about 750 competitors and 300 people associated with those competitors. The St. Francis Yacht Club parking lot will be closed for this event and it will impact the area.

Emeric Kalman, a berthholder and resident of the City, said the Marina Green is sustained by the berth holders and he was only aware of this event because he is on the Commission's notification list. He said that the berth holders pay for the maintenance of the Marina Green and are not aware of this event. The Marina Green was granted by the State to the City provided that no part of said property was set apart, assigned or leased to any corporation or association the object of which is for profit. This event will be organized by a professional sporting team for profit and he felt that it violated the terms of the grant. He asked the Commission to reject any mega events on the Marina Green. If approval was granted he asked that any income from this event be earmarked for maintenance of the Marina. He was against berth holders having to subsidize this event noting they just received a 30% increase in their fees.

12. MARINA GREEN
MULTIPLE DAY EVENT (Continued)

President Immendorf explained that he recently met with a delegation of Marina Green residents with the Mayor's Chief of Staff. One of the purposes of that meeting was to make the neighborhood aware of proposed events. Unfortunately, more than 2 hours of that meeting was devoted to topics relating to the Marina, such as breakwaters and enforced parking. President Immendorf said he gave his word to form a committee or designate a point person to coordinate all of the events held at Fort Mason, Marina Green, the 2 Yacht Clubs, the Exploratorium, the Presidio and any other organization that stages events in this area of the City. He explained that the NFL spent much time looking at different areas in the City such as Golden Gate Park and Justin Herman Plaza, but wanted to showcase the City at the Marina Green setting. He enumerated the particulars of the event: it will be free and the fence will have no public advertising. He noted that fences have been placed at other parks such as Civic Center and Sharon Meadow in Golden Gate Park. He recommended approval of this request and that the promoter is very responsible.

Commissioner Rovetti spoke about this item as a San Franciscan and said this event will be a great opportunity to showcase the City. He explained that he, too, recently learned of this event and asked if staff knew of this event over 6 months ago. President Immendorf explained that such a statement was untrue.

Commissioner Ruiz said the last major event held on the Marina Green was the Fleet Week celebration and asked if there were any problems associated with this event which drew approximately 60,000. Mr. Robinson explained that the Marina Green was left clean and there was no major damage. President Immendorf said there were complaints that the clean-up was not done as quickly as it should have been done. As Chair of the 1994 Fleet Week Celebration he said the operations will be moved to Crissy Field and the sale of alcohol on the Marina Green will not be permitted. Mr. Robinson said that based on experience from the Fleet Week event, staff is asking the promoter to provide a janitorial service *during* this event and at the end of the event.

Commissioner Chan asked what other activities are scheduled for these days. Mr. Robinson said that the Department had contacted Fort Mason and found that two applications have been made for the Labor Day weekend. One of the application is a sports memorabilia event that has been held in the past with a projected attendance of 2,000 per day, but a permit has not been issued. There is a 50% chance that this event will be held and but neither of the applications have been returned.

President Immendorf recognized the legitimate concerns of the Marina residents and pledged his attempt to work with a committee to coordinate the number of events being held at the Marina.

Vice President Mazzola thought the event sounded exciting and was pleased that San Francisco had been chosen. He urged the promoters to consider San Francisco firms when staging and setting up this event such as fencing work and janitorial services.

12. MARINA GREEN
MULTIPLE DAY EVENT (Continued)

On motion of Commissioner Ruiz, seconded by Commissioner Mazzola, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16951

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the request from the National Football League/San Francisco 49ers to stage an event at the Marina Green on September 3, 4, 5, 1994.

Note for the Record: The Commission approved this item by the following vote:
Commissioners: Chan, Farrow, Immendorf, Mazzola, Rovetti, Ruiz
Absent: Commissioner Sommer

4:00 p.m. - 4:10 p.m. the Commission recessed. Commissioner Ruiz left the meeting.

13. CANDLESTICK PARK
MVP MENU AND MERCHANDISE PRICES

Ratification of MVP menu and merchandise prices for the 1994 baseball season.

Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold, explained that this year the concessionaire tried an experiment with the delivery of food and merchandise items for the MVP section (lower reserved section between 1st and third base). At the time, Volume Services had not established a final menu and asked for a time period to experiment with the menu with the understanding that they would seek approval of a finalized menu.

Volume Services has now established a menu for food, beverage and merchandise items. Staff has not received any complaints about this program and has received compliments about it. At the Committee level one question was raised relating to the 15% service charge which is automatically added to the bill. The 15% service charge goes to Volume Services which allocates an additional $1.37 per hour to each of the 70 employees who work in the MVP section. The base wage is $7.05 and the MVP employees receive $8.42.

Commissioner Rovetti said he asked one of the servers about this 15% service charge and was told that he received nothing. Mr. Arnold explained that the employees of the MVP section receive a premium.

Commissioner Mazzola said that Volume Services has a collective bargaining agreement with Local 2. Volume Services took over the contract in 1993 and these employees may not be covered under the current agreement since the MVP service only began in the 1994 season. Vice President Mazzola asked that wording be printed on the bill stating that the 15% is not a gratuity.

Commissioner Rovetti felt that the items should be priced based on their actual costs rather than adding a 15% service charge. He asked why the Commission was approving this item if it did not receive any revenues from the food and beverage items. Mr. Arnold explained that it is a requirement of the lease that the Commission review and approve all food, beverage and merchandise items.

13. CANDLESTICK PARK
MVP MENU AND MERCHANDISE PRICES (Continued)

A discussion ensued regarding the addition of a phrase that states that tips are not included. It was felt that it would be more fair to add a statement to future menus and receipts that state clearly "Tips are not included".

On recommendation of the Finance and Candlestick Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Farrow, seconded by Commissioner Chan, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16952

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies the following MVP menu and merchandise prices for the 1994 baseball season with the condition that the phrase "Tips Not Included" shall be printed on the MVP menus:

Sandwiches & Pizza		**Dessert**	
Chicken Italian Sausage	$5.25	Dryer's Grand Ice Cream Bar (vanilla almond)	$ 3.25
Stadium Burger (1/4 lb.)	$5.50	Fudge Brownie	$ 3.25
McCormick & Kuleto's Crab Cake Sandwich	$7.50		
Giant Footlong Hot Dog	$3.75	**Beverages**	
Classic Hot Dog	$2.50	MVP Souvenir Soda (24 oz.)	$ 2.75
Chili Candlestick	$4.50	Calistoga Spring Water	$ 2.50
Noah's Sliced Bagel with lox smear	$3.25	Anchor Steam (16 oz.)	$ 5.25
Large Seasoned Fries	$2.75	Budweiser (20 oz. souvenir cup)	$ 5.00
Chicken Breast Sandwich (6 oz.)	$6.75	Miller Lite (20 oz. souvenir cup)	$ 5.00
		O'Douls (12 oz non-alcoholic beer)	$ 3.75
Soup & Salads		Fetzer Barrel Select	$ 5.75
Chef Salad	$6.50	Gallo Copperidge (White Zinfandel 7oz.)	$ 3.50
McCormick & Kuleto's Clam Chowder	$4.50	Kendall Jackson (Chardonnay 7oz.)	$ 5.75
		Coffee (12 oz.)	$ 1.25
		MVP Merchandise	
		Giants Magazine	$ 4.00
		Giants Info Guide	$10.00
		Pro Adjustable Wool Giants Cap	$20.00

Note for the Record: The Commission approved this item by the following vote:
Commissioners: Chan, Farrow, Immendorf, Mazzola, Rovetti
Absent: Commissioners Ruiz, Sommer

14. CANDLESTICK PARK
SAN FRANCISCO FORTY-NINERS
PARKING LOT "L"

Consideration of request from the San Francisco Forty Niners to increase the size of the "L" parking lot for football season.

Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold, explained that Lot "L" has 710 spaces provided to 49ers for which they pay $1600 per game. The spaces are used for employees of the 49ers, the press, players, suite holders, the Police Department and guests. The 49ers have outgrown the space and have asked for 170 more spaces in Lot "L". The lease with the 49ers permits the Commission to grant the expansion provided that they pay the prevailing parking rate on the additional spaces. Because the 49ers will pay the City for these new spaces in Lot L, the revenue impact of this proposal will be neutral. The only impact would be 170 more spaces in the "L" Lot and 170 less spaces in the main parking lot.

14. **CANDLESTICK PARK**
SAN FRANCISCO FORTY-NINERS
PARKING LOT "L" (Continued)

On recommendation of the Finance and Candlestick Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Mazzola, seconded by Commissioner Chan, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16953

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the request from the San Francisco Forty Niners to increase their spaces to 880 in the "L" parking lot for football season.

Note for the Record: The Commission approved this item by the following vote:
Commissioners: Chan, Farrow, Immendorf, Mazzola, Rovetti
Absent: Commissioners Ruiz, Sommer

15. **GOLDEN GATE PARK STABLES**
REJECTION OF BIDS

Consideration to reject bids received for operation of Golden Gate Park Stables.

Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold, explained that 2 bids were received for the operation of the Golden Gate Park Stables. Both bids presented offered very good programs and met the capital improvement requirements that were outlined in the bid package. Neither of the bids met the financial requirements of the bid package. Both of the bidderss said they needed more revenue from the stables than could be provided from the bid package.

One of the bids asked for an immediate rate increase; the other bid asked for a rent credit or the City to assume the obligation to fund a portion of the capital improvements. Since neither of those options was provided in the bid package staff felt that both bids should be rejected. However, staff recognized that both bidders spent a lot of time on the bid package and presented very good programs. Staff has modified the bid package and will discuss this issue in greater detail in the next item.

On recommendation of the Finance and Candlestick Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Chan, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16954

RESOLVED, That this Commission rejects bids received for operation of Golden Gate Park Stables.

Note for the Record: The Commission approved this item by the following vote:
Commissioners: Chan, Farrow, Immendorf, Mazzola, Rovetti
Absent: Commissioners Ruiz, Sommer

16. GOLDEN GATE PARK STABLES
BID PACKAGE

Consideration of altered minimum financial requirements for Golden Gate Park Stables bid package and reopening of bidding period for two months.

Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold, explained that the bid for the Stables did not offer a concessionaire enough money to perform all of the capital improvements and still give an operator a decent rate of return. Therefore, staff recommended a number of changes to the bid package, primarily financial in nature. He outlined the changes:

❶The bid originally required a minimum of $50,000 in rent or 7% of the gross. Now, he proposed, as a minimum, that the first 2 years be rent free and in years 3 through 15 that there be a minimum rent of $24,000 v $50,000 from the previous bid package or 3% of the gross up to $700,000 and 8% above the $700,000.
❷The bidder may propose a two-story structure. It became apparent from both of the bids that in order to accommodate the operations there may be a need to build a second story. Any new structure will match the exterior of existing structures.
❸Entertain proposals to cover the center arena. Many of the prospective bidders spoke of the need to do this to help finance the stable operation.
❹Change the exhibit map of the premise specifically on the east side of the stables. There is a drive that goes into the tunnel leading to the Polo Field that was shown as future parking. On re-evaluation of that particular area staff does not think it is suitable for parking and felt it would be intrusive on the landscape and potentially dangerous for park users.
❺There was a financial analysis that showed rates and charges which would be appropriate. Since the financial terms have been changed the financial analysis has been removed from the bid package.
❻All capital improvements must be completed by the eighth year of the agreement. This suggestion was offered at the Committee level. Staff will entertain fee increase proposals only after significant completion of 3 major capital improvements. Those capital improvements are defined as:

→Completion of remaining stall upgrades
→Completion of the upgrades to the central arena and the redwood ring
→Completion of the new arena at Speedway Meadow
→Completion of the office/caretaker unit
→Completion of school barn
→Completion of the hay barn

All of these items are required improvements in the bid package. Any increase above 20% requested by concessionaire and/or provided by the Commission will trigger re-negotiation of the minimum rent. Staff is recommending a 60 day period for submittal of the bids which will hopefully bring a successful bidder to the Commission in October.

Commissioner Chan asked how the Golden Gate Park Master Plan environmental review process will be coordinated with the Stables lease. **Park Planner, Deborah Learner**, explained that the Golden Gate Master Plan gives a general overview of improvements that are expected in the next 10-15 years. Environmental review is important because staff wants to package all of the potential improvements. In the environmental review process, the worst case scenario is presented. Once the review is completed, a very important requirement will have been satisfied.

16. GOLDEN GATE PARK STABLES
BID PACKAGE (Continued)

If, for example, the Maser Plan environmental review includes an expansion of some sort of structure at the Stables, a view analysis will have been approved in advance, giving a better understanding to the potential bidders because it was included in the Master Plan and was part of the review process. Mr. Arnold said that most of the improvements have a very direct relationship to revenue. Commissioner Chan said he would like the capital improvements to be completed in the first 2 years. Mr. Arnold said they cannot do all of the improvements in the first 2 years but that they should give a schedule of the capital improvement plan. Commissioner Chan said that the work plan/schedule should be part of the bid package.

Commissioner Rovetti commented that the bid package is markedly changed. He was concerned that after 2 years a concessionaire could walk away from the lease. **Property Manager, Robin Burgstahler** said there is a $50,000 bond to guarantee the minimum rent and a $50,000 bond for the capital improvements.

Betty Silverman, thanked Deborah Learner, Phil Arnold and Robin Burgstahler who have worked on this bid package. She said that both of the bidders are dedicated to horses. She has been at the Stables for many years and has heard discussion of a covered arena many times. She wanted to make sure that staff and the Commission would support the operator if they pursued a covered arena and in obtaining the necessary City permits. She did not think that 60 days was enough time to go through the bid process. She was asked by the boarders to remind the Commission that fees were recently increased. She also discussed an unsafe condition relating to numerous potholes at the Stables.

Jeff Morris, one of the bidders, said he generally agreed with the changes to the bid package and felt 60 days was adequate time. He noted that the change in the financial components present a significant incentive for prospective operators and will allow the operator to generate more revenues. A material rate increase cannot be proposed until the capital work is completed.

Joe Dignan, one of the bidders, explained that the revised bid creates a strong incentive to perform the capital improvements. He said that they have been filling many of the potholes and performing maintainenance to the Stables. He said the schedule for improvements and the Golden Gate Park Master Plan environmental review process are important elements to the bid. He further explained that construction in a horse barn is unlike other construction projects because horses are very sensitive to sound and react to noises. He wanted to make sure that construction projects do not impact the revenues since the Stables may have to close because of construction.

Carol Hamby, one of the bidders, said the 60 day time frame was fine and said the low rent at in the early years of the lease will enable them to make improvements to the Stables immediately. She noted that when they presented their bid they included a timetable for improvements. She stated that weather is a variable thing which much be considered in the revenue scheme since rainy weather will affect the income. She noted that repairs of the potholes should be done properly.

16. GOLDEN GATE PARK STABLES
BID PACKAGE (Continued)

On recommendation of the Finance and Candlestick Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Chan, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16955

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the altered minimum financial requirements for Golden Gate Park Stables bid package and reopening of bidding period for two months with the provision that the altered bid shall include a timeline of when the capital projects will be completed along with the bidder's capital improvement plan.

Note for the Record: The Commission approved this item by the following vote:
Commissioners: Chan, Farrow, Immendorf, Mazzola, Rovetti
Absent: Commissioners Ruiz, Sommer

17. RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT
ACCEPTANCE OF CREDIT CARDS

Approval to amend Administrative Code Section 10.11-2 to allow the Recreation and Park Department to accept credit cards for payment of fees and charges.

Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold, explained that the Recreation and Park Department does not accept credit cards as payment for programs and services. However, some other City department do accept credit cards. The City has negotiated a very reasonable rate of 1.5% for use of credit cards for services provided by certain departments which are identified in the Administrative Code. However, the Recreation and Park Department is currently not one of these departments. He felt it was timely for the Department to accept credit cards for payment of programs and fees and requested approval to request a change in the City's Administrative Code to implement this service.

On recommendation of the Finance and Candlestick Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Farrow,. seconded by Commissioner Mazzola, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16956

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves an amendment to the Administrative Code Section 10.11-2 to allow the Recreation and Park Department to accept credit cards for payment of fees and charges.

Note for the Record: The Commission approved this item by the following vote:
Commissioners: Chan, Farrow, Immendorf, Mazzola, Rovetti
Absent: Commissioners Ruiz, Sommer

18. GOLDEN GATE PARK DESIGNATION OF CONSERVANCY

Approval of designation of Friends of Recreation and Parks as the agent for the Golden Gate Park Conservancy.

Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold, explained that the formation of the Golden Gate Park Conservancy has been announced by the Mayor recently and has been the subject of discussion for a number of years. The Conservancy is an effort to secure private funding for Golden Gate Park to help supplement the City's commitment to Golden Gate Park. The Mayor also verbally gave his support to maintain the current level of City support. However, there is no formal agreement from this Commission as to who would act as the agent for the Conservancy. Friends of Recreation and Parks has been working with the Department on this concept and has formed a Committee to act as the organization for Conservancy. Since Friends of Recreation and Parks is a non-profit organization which has committed $250,000 for this planning effort, he felt it was proper to designate them as the agent for the Golden Gate Park Conservancy. He further explained that the Department and Friends will develop a written document outlining the responsibilities of each agency and that this agreement will be presented to the Commission for approval in the future.

Patricia Vaughey, asked if this plan was another way to privatize Golden Gate Park. She said there was a need to have a fund raising effort and a non-profit organization but did not want it to turn into something similar to the financial problems of Asilomar in Monterey, California. She felt that there should be annual reports, audits, etc., outlining where the money is allocated and that a citizens committee should be instituted to give oversight of this Conservancy. She did not want the Conservancy to run Recreation and Park and felt the agreement should be carefully drafted to protect the Department.

David Jamison, President of the Friends of Recreation and Park, recommended that Friends be designated as the lead organization for the Conservancy and said they have been working 3 years on developing this plan. The Friends are willing to put a substantial amount of funds toward the implementation of the Conservancy and realized that they would be subject to oversight and review by the Commission. He noted that since they are a non-profit organization they are regularly audited and those reports issued are available to anyone who expresses an interest. He said their goal is to not privatize the park but to raise funds to enhance Golden Gate Park and make it a better experience for everyone.

Commissioner Farrow said she personally knew how difficult it is to raise funds and Friends of Recreation and Parks is present to help the Department maintain the most beautiful park in the world. She thought it was fitting that Friends of Recreation and Parks be designated as the lead agency because they have served the Department well.

On recommendation of the Finance and Candlestick Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Farrow, seconded by Commissioner Rovetti, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16957

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the designation of Friends of Recreation and Parks as the agent for the Golden Gate Park Conservancy.

Note for the Record: The Commission approved Item #18 by the following vote:
Commissioners: Chan, Farrow, Immendorf, Mazzola, Rovetti
Absent: Commissioners Ruiz, Sommer

19. PUBLIC COMMENT

Philip Carleton, representing the Watchbison Committee, said that his Committee is trying to incorporate language in the Golden Gate Park Master Plan relating to the bison. He said that over 400 signatures have been gathered asking that 3 acres of land be returned to the bison in Golden Gate Park. Although he recognized the need for windbreaks in the park he wanted a commitment in the Master Plan that states that 3 acres of land will be returned to the bison by the year 2000. He said the return of the land will provide the animals with nutrients, mulch, and urged the Commission to consider inclusion of this statement in the Master Plan.

Patricia Vaughey, said she was not opposed to Friends of Recreation and Parks being the lead agency for the Golden Gate Park Conservancy but felt the contract should be carefully reviewed. She felt the item on the proposed NFL event was done improperly because the applicants were not asked to present their plan to the Commission and none of the questions she posed received a response. She wanted to know who in the City wanted this event and said that she will check to see that every City code is followed. She was also upset that Commissioner Ruiz was misrepresented on the facts about the Fleet Week event. She wanted to resolve the adversarial relationship that now exists with Recreation and Park. She said that any event with more than 5000 attendees should be considered 6 months in advance so that all of the issues can be reviewed.

President Immendorf said the Marina organization was contacted to discuss this issue. The Marina Green belongs to all of San Francisco and he did not like being accused of not caring about the Marina residents. He explained that there seems to be objection by the community whenever an event is held at the Marina.

Janette Barroca, representing the Marina Civic Improvement and Property Owners Association, said the agenda wording for the NFL event at the Marina does not state the set-up and breakdown dates and that the event will be cordoned off from September 1 through 7, 1994. Since the Marina and its views of the Bay are known worldwide and put on every tourist brochure she did not think it needed to be showcased any more. She thought it would be refreshing to all San Franciscans and visitors to showcase other beautiful and interesting parts of the City. She then outlined many other venues in the City that could be used for this event and said the NFL does not have the best interest of the City when it decided to hold the event at the Marina.

Emeric Kalman, discussed the proposed dredging contract for the Marina. He asked when the pre bid conference was held for this contract and how many people attended the conference. He also asked how many cubic yards was in the dredging contract and wanted all of these questions addressed before the Department awarded a contract. He further explained that he had obtained a copy of a budgetary document for the Department which contained many inaccuracies. He asked that somebody from staff be assigned to work with him to discuss these inaccuracies.

19. **PUBLIC COMMENT (Continued)**

General Manager, Mary E. Burns, explained that the Department has limited staff and Mr. Kalman takes up an inordinate amount of staff time resulting in the employee not being able to perform his/her regular work. She was trying to find some way to address Mr. Kalman's issues and to minimize the amount of staff time it takes to address his issues. Mr. Kalman was directed to discuss his issued with Mr. Garrett Furuichi.

Joan Girardot, representing the Marina Civic Improvement and Property Owners Association, spoke about the NFL event at the Marina and said the Association was opposed to this type of mega event on the Marina Green. It is not just one event, but rather, the cumulative negative effect of numerous events being held in this small section of the City. She noted that events are also staged by Fort Mason Foundation and the yacht clubs. She said nobody was aware of this forthcoming event and urged that a Citizens Advisory Committee be established with representatives from concerned and affected neighbors, Recreation and Park, Fort Mason Foundation, the boat owners, and other affected people to develop a set of guidelines for special events on Marina Green. She said nobody coordinates the number of events held at the Marina. She wanted a bond posted in the amount of $100,000 to $500,000 to name, in addition to the City, the private property owners who might suffer damage from this event.

20. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Immendorf said there has been discussion of selecting a point person or a committee to address the number of events held in the Marina. He was willing to try to set a policy that dictates how many events can be held at the Marina, the size, etc. It was his hope that this committee would resolve the adversarial relationship that has developed with the Marina community. He said he did not realize that the majority of the meeting in the Mayor's Office would focus on breakwaters in the outer west harbor and wanted to discuss the NFL event in detail at that meeting.

21. **COMMISSION COMMITTEE REPORTS**

The following Commission Committee reports were submitted for the record:

- Joint Zoo Committee meeting of June 1, 1994
- Parks and Planning Committee meeting of July 5, 1994
- Finance and Candlestick Committee Meeting of July 7, 1994

22. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Commissioner Chan the meeting was adjourned in memory of Abiel Toenini, a youth who was shot and killed at Hamilton Recreation Center on July 6, 1994.

On motion of Commissioner Farrow, the meeting was adjourned with best wishes for a speedy recovery to Nan Neal, Assistant Superintendent of Recreation, who is in the hospital.

There being no further business, the 695th Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shauna Marie Rose
Commission Secretary

Note These minutes set forth all actions taken by the Recreation and Park Commission on matters stated, but not necessarily the chronological order in which the matters were taken up

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SPECIAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 1994 - 6:00 P.M.

The Special Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Wednesday, September 21, 1994 at 6:05 p.m. by President Jack Immendorf.

1. **ROLL CALL**

Present: Commissioner Jack Immendorf, President
Commissioner Larry Mazzola, Vice President
Commissioner Sidney Chan
Commissioner Bella Farrow
Commissioner Vincent J. Rovetti
Commissioner Santiago Ruiz (noted present at 6:25 p.m.)
Commissioner Sue Sommer (noted present at 6:20 p.m.)

President Immendorf explained that Items 2 and 3 were companion measures and would be considered as one item.

2. **GOLDEN GATE PARK**
GOLDEN GATE PARK MASTER PLAN

3. **GOLDEN GATE PARK**
GOLDEN GATE PARK MASTER PLAN
ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

Consideration of specific actions to be forwarded for environmental review in the Golden Gate Park Master Plan, including the following topics:

- Circulation - Proposed road closures, Saturday closure options, commuter parking regulations
- Buildings and Structures - Proposed expansion or new construction
- Land Use - Non conforming use designation

Approval of resolution recommending initiation of environmental review for the Golden Gate Park Master Plan.

Park Planner Deborah, Learner, explained that a great deal of participation and interest has been shown in the Master Plan for Golden Gate Park. The Plan was reviewed in detail at the 7/18/94 Special Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission. This Master Plan is a comprehensive document and discusses in depth objectives and policies, the park landscape, circulation issues, recreation and visitor facilities, buildings and monuments, utilities, infrastructure, maintenance and operation areas, park funding and special area plans.

GOLDEN GATE PARK MASTER PLAN
ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW (Continued)

Ms. Learner said that when the Master Plan is forwarded for environmental review it will make use of the many technical documents that were prepared in the development of the Master Plan including the background papers on all the subject areas that were mentioned in the 1992 Park Bond project (Proposition A): issues that relate to water supply and circulation, utilities, the lakes, reservoirs, water features, and rehabilitation of key park features. Transportation issue reports are incorporated into the plan as well as the Americans with Disabilities Act Transition Plan which includes all the measures that have been identified in the park for those who may have a disability.

Ms. Learner clarified the point that the purpose of this meeting was not to approve the Master Plan but rather to provide public input for the Commission on the document that will be forwarded for environmental review. The environmental review is a public disclosure process that provides detailed analysis of specific measures and how those measures may impact the environment. Once environmental review is completed the Commission may legally approve the Master Plan.

It is customary to review options in the Master Plan process and the Plan is a very conceptual document. Staff is advocating that improvements for the park should go forward and in some areas has identified options. For example, staff has not made a specific recommendation for either option in the area of Saturday road closures. Ms. Learner outlined the key issues contained in the staff report on the Golden Gate Park Master Plan:

- **Saturday Closure Options.** 2 Saturday closure option are identified:

  - Kennedy Drive from Kezar to 8th Avenue. If this option was adopted there would be access to the Music Concourse from 8th, and 10th Avenues and the Concourse would remain open as it now does on Sundays.

  - Kennedy Drive from Stow Lake Drive to Transverse Drive. Kennedy Drive on access to the Park would be available from 8th and 10th Avenues, and Kezar Drive. The Music Concourse would remain open as it now does on Sundays.

- **Improvements to Hagiwara Tea Garden Drive** There is a need to improve pedestrian safety. There are now 2 large vehicular lanes that flow very quickly and the street is very wide. The options are to retain 2 lanes of travel that will accommodate 2 lanes of traffic as well as landscaping extensions with the other option of having parked vehicles on one side of Hagiwara Drive.

- **Measures To Discourage Through Traffic** There are 2 main measures to address this issue.

  - Prohibit left turns at the intersection of eastbound King Drive and Crossover Drive. Staff suggests this option be examined. Currently, the traffic that flows toward the Golden Gate Bridge encourages vehicles to use the park.

GOLDEN GATE PARK MASTER PLAN
ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW (Continued)

❖ **Measures To Discourage Through Traffic (Continued)**

•Closure of a small portion of Sunset Blvd. as it enters the Park. Sunset Blvd. was originally envisioned as a road that might extend through the Park. However, Sunset Blvd. dead ends immediately upon entering the park. Drivers are then given a choice of turning either right or left to continue passage into the Park. The options would provide vehicles to turn left or right on Lincoln Way and enter the Park either through the Chain of Lakes Drive, 25th Avenue or at Crossover Drive.

❖ **Options for Closing Non-Essential Roads**

•Close 30th Avenue between Fulton Street and Kennedy Drive. This closure should be examined. People could access the Park by entering on Fulton, 36th Avenue, Chain of Lakes Drive or 25th Avenue.

•Close Conservatory Drive East. This street is located in a sensitive native oak woodland area and the traffic volume is not great. On the weekdays it is used as a parking lot. The closure of this road should be examined. One could access the park through Arguello Drive, entering on Conservatory Drive West. Improvements could also be made to the intersection of Stanyan and Fulton Streets.

•Close a small portion of 47th Avenue. This closure would mean that people coming into the Golden Gate Park Golf Course would travel via the Great Highway and Fulton.

•Close South Fork (west end). This is not an essential park road and the Park could be accessed by other roads including the Great Highway.

•Close the 7th Avenue Entrance to the Park. This is a small piece of road and the traffic volume is limited. This area could be improved for bicycling into the Park because 7th Avenue is considered a bicycle route. Modifications would have to be made at 9th Avenue to make it easier for traffic to access the Park at 9th Avenue.

•Close a Portion of Middle Drive West. Middle Drive West is a wide road and has a tendency to encourage speeding commute traffic. If a portion was closed people would still be able to use that drive as a park road, but it would not be a speed road. There is interest in making the closed portion a bicycle learning area.

❖ **Commuter Parking Regulations Options** Three and four hour parking regulations are proposed for the Park. The area farthest away from the Music Concourse would be designated as a 3-hour parking restriction; the area around the Music Concourse would be a 4-hour parking limit to enable visitors to have sufficient time to visit the institutions in the park.

GOLDEN GATE PARK MASTER PLAN
ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW (Continued)

❖ **Proposed Building Expansion.** There are some expansions that have been included in the Master Plan. Ms. Learner outlined the proposed building expansions.

•***The Tennis Clubhouse*** is proposed to be expanded by approximately 1500 square feet to meet disabled access requirements and some extension of the building could be accommodated within the landscape of the park to improve visitor services and for potential revenue generation.

•Expansion of the ***Golden Gate Park Stables*** by 1000 square feet is proposed to accommodate a living unit for an on-site caretaker.

•***Millwright's House*** is an antiquated structure. Staff evaluated the structure and feels it should be demolished in the future. A public use, such as a 2400 square foot pavilion might be designed in this area to provide visitors services, restrooms, and possible concession activities.

•***Arboretum Classroom in Demonstration Garden Area***. The Arboretum, some time ago, received approval for a classroom structure in the west end of the Arboretum. Upon further evaluation there is now an interest in moving that classroom closer to the main entrance.

•***Music Concourse Improvements*** There is a suggestion that the existing maintenance activities should be consolidated into a 20 x 50' structure near the bus lot. Additionally, it is proposed that a small 400 square foot food vending facility be constructed to take place of the temporary trailer that is currently behind the bandstand.

•The service facilities for the ***Conservatory of Flowers*** are quite inadequate at the Conservatory and there is a request that a 3000 square foot maintenance structure/nursery facility be constructed within the fenced area in the back of the Conservatory.

❖ **Land Use Designation** Consideration to designate the Recycling Center as a non-conforming use is proposed. There is current language in the Master Plan that states that land use agreements, permits, concessions, and leases should meet a standard of appropriateness in accordance with the City Charter. The City Charter states that permits and leases shall be issued for recreational purposes only. The staff report discusses the City's open space element of the City's Master Plan and the urban design element section calls for the removal of non-conforming use from park properties. The recommendation is that the Golden Gate Park Master Plan should identify the Recycling Center as a non-conforming use.

GOLDEN GATE PARK MASTER PLAN
ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW (Continued)

❖ **Land Use Designation (Continued)**

Ms. Learner explained that there have been several non-conforming uses over the years. The building where the Special Meeting was being held (Golden Gate Park Senior Center) was, at one time, a police training academy. Over the years other quarters were found and the building was turned over for a park purpose. The Richmond Sunset Plant at the West end was a sewage facility for many years but there was an interest to remove that facility from the park. Now that a new treatment facility has been constructed, there is an opportunity to restore that area to park land.

Assistant General Manager, Phil. Arnold, explained that the Commission will consider the renewal of the Haight Ashbury Neighborhood Council (HANC) Recycling Center permit at its 9/22/94 meeting. Language has been agreed to by both HANC Recycling Center staff and the Recreation and Park Department staff for insertion into the Master Plan. Mr. Arnold read the language which represents a compromise on both sides and is consistent with the non-conforming use issue:

"The Haight Ashbury Neighborhood Council (HANC) Recycling Center, located in Golden Gate Park, is part of the City and County of San Francisco's Source Reduction and Recycling Element of the Solid Waste Master Plan. The Center receives recyclables from businesses and the surrounding neighborhoods and as such is a non-conforming use of the Park. The Center also provides Recycling services to the Park, collecting recyclable materials on a regular basis and at special events. The non-park serving activities should eventually be phased out when feasible alternative locations for these activities are identified and become available. In the interim, the Center should increase its benefits to the Park. While the Recycling Center is located on Park property, the Center's activities should be focused on the Recycling needs of Golden Gate Park and the immediate neighborhoods and materials collected from other parts of the City should be minimized. Additional measures should be taken to reduce the noise and visual impact of the Recycling Center on the Park and neighborhood."

Mr. Arnold said the permit to be considered at the 9/22/94 Commission meeting discusses in greater detail how these matters will be carried out.

Commissioner Chan asked if a decision had to be made on the Saturday closure options and Hagiwara Tea Garden Drive options. Ms. Learner explained that the proposal is to ask that both of these options be analyzed in the environmental review. When the environmental review is completed the Commission will be free to make a selection. Commissioner Chan said the Hagiwara Tea Garden Drive option look similar and asked if a consensus was reached from those who attended the Task Force meetings. Ms. Learner said she personally felt that vehicles along this roadway would be unsightly, however, there is an issue to provide service to the museums. The institutions prefer the parking option on Hagiwara Tea Garden Drive.

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ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW (Continued)

Commissioner Sommer was visiting the Museum recently and was unsure who was responsible for the parking lot at the North end of the deYoung and Asian Art Museums. She felt that parking along Hagiwara Drive would be unsightly but was concerned about providing disabled parking. She wondered if the North parking lot could be used for this purpose. Ms. Learner explained that the lot is park property but the museum uses it. Commissioner Sommer said the horseshoe courts are located near Conservatory Drive East and the proposed closure would make it difficult to access the area on foot. Ms. Leaner said that there is access along Fulton Street about a block and one-half away. There is discussion that potentially the horseshoe courts could be located in closer proximity to the Golden Gate Park Senior Center. Commissioner Sommer felt it would easier to have 3 or 4 hour parking restrictions in the Park rather than two different time regulations.

Ms. Learner explained that in terms of enforcement, it is better to have a shorter time frame because people park in the Park and walk to University of California and/or St. Mary's Hospital and there has been question as to whether they would move their cars during the lunch hour if there was a 4 hour restriction. The 3 and 4 hour parking restriction was considered a compromise to meet the needs of the institutions and to try to discourage commuter parking. The Department of Parking and Traffic said they would enforce these parking regulations. This action will provide additional parking for the Music Concourse and other activities in the park because now the drives on the east end of the park are occupied by commuter parking. Commissioner Sommer asked if Friends of Recreation and Park or some other group or organization would consider reconstructing Millwright's House because she did not want to tear it down this beautiful building. Ms. Learner said in reviewing it objectively the house does not meet seismic or disability access standards. There are probably asbestos ceiling tiles, etc., and the cost of renovating the building to make it serviceable for public use would be cost prohibitive.

President Immendorf reinforced the point that the Commission will not decide what roads will remain open or closed in the park at this time; rather the goal of this meeting was to pass on the Master Plan for environmental review. The environmental review process will take about a year.

Public Testimony

Mary Jane Wallace, discussed the bison and said the bison once had a lot of space. She said the volunteers intend to fight to return every inch of land for the bison.

Grace Fontin, lives in the Sunset, and said the present Master Plan will make her either a prisoner of the Park or exile her from the Park. There are plenty of reasons to pass from one side of the park to the other side and those who have lived in the area for a long time try to stay away from the most traveled areas of the park by escaping to the lesser traveled roads. She thought closure of Sunset Blvd. entrance to the park was insane and that closing 30th Avenue was an inconvenience.

GOLDEN GATE PARK MASTER PLAN
ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW (Continued)

Public Testimony (Continued)

Bruce Selby, President of Lakeshore Acres Improvement Club, representing the southwest portion of San Francisco, stated that they vehemently oppose the closure of Sunset Blvd., north of Lincoln, and the prohibition of the left hand turn at the intersection of King Drive and Crossover Drive. If those two proposals were implemented it would cut off access for over 100,000 residents in the southwest portion of San Francisco from the park and to the north end of the City. He urged the Commission to not approve these two measures in the Master Plan.

Doris Bebb, representing the Planning Association of the Richmond (PAR), said at its September meeting, PAR unanimously opposed Saturday closures in the park. She asked the Commission to consider the detrimental repercussions additional closures will have on the institutions in the park as well as to the adjacent residential neighborhoods. Experience with the Sunday closure has confirmed that any additional road closure would be untenable. She asked that the Master Plan be sent on to environmental review so that it may be scrutinized.

Jerry Zagorites, said the Master Plan is a result of the voters approving the Park Bond in 1992 (Proposition A). That bond stated that funds would be used for restoration, reforestation, restrooms, utilities, etc. Road closures were not disclosed as part of the bond issue. He felt the 47th Avenue road closure was punitive forcing people to use a difficult route to access the park's golf course. The Saturday closure is bad for the museums and the institutions are suffering from Sunday closures. He opposed the Saturday closures and said it created a hardship for people who want to visit the park on the weekends.

George Tainter, sent a letter to the Commission outlining his concerns but said the proposed closures will make it more difficult for seniors and the disabled to use the park. The Music Concourse is the business end of the park and he hoped the Commission considered the economic impact of road closures to the institutions. He said the park bond (Proposition A), did not mention road closures and a very high percentage of the items contained in the Master Plan were not mentioned in park bond.

Flora Zagorites, reiterated the point that the museums should be considered. A split time for 3 or 4 hour parking restrictions in the park will be difficult for everyone. She pleaded with the Commission to not close the park off. She said sometimes a drive through the park restores one's spirits after a hard day.

David Crommie, representing the Cole Valley Improvement Association, said the proposed road closures should be forwarded for environmental review as soon as possible. He was heartened by the non conforming use provision contained in the Master Plan. He disagreed with the term of the Recycling Center permit to be considered by the Commission on 9/22/94 and thought the two one- year options were extreme. He said that the public had no input on this provision of the permit and there is no accountability for the Center to look for an alternative site outside of the park.

GOLDEN GATE PARK MASTER PLAN
ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW (Continued)

Public Testimony (Continued)

Kevin Drew, Manager, Haight Ashbury Neighborhood Council (HANC) Recycling Center, supported the road closures under consideration in the Master Plan. He said that HANC accepted the compromise language that has been proposed for inclusion in the Master Plan and noted that there is overwhelming community support for the Recycling Center in spite of the concerns of the Cole Valley Improvement Association. A community meeting has been scheduled to discuss the concerns from the neighborhood and individuals about the Center. He felt that HANC has a long track record of solving these concerns and that they could continue to provide a service and be a good neighbor to the park.

Edward von der Porten, was appalled by Master Plan and said people have provided dollars to improve the park for everyone. He recounted a time when he drove an elderly relative through the park once or twice a week and said that those drives were the highlight of the day for this person. He said that a quiet drive in the park is beneficial and that easy access to the museums is important to many people. The Master Plan will inform citizens, in effect, to not use the park because it blocks people from using the park. He commented that there are more than 100,000 people in the Sunset who are not aware of the proposed plans and that the prohibition of the left turn at Crossover Drive and King Drive will dump traffic onto 19th Avenue which it cannot handle.

Joel Ventresca, member of the San Francisco Environment Commission and the Haight Ashbury Neighborhood Council, said the park is presently being used as a high speed commuter route and parking lot. The circulation of cars need to be limited and restricted to enhance the quality of the park experience for San Franciscans. There needs to be a complete environmental review of all the proposals to restrict cars in the park. He said the Recycling Center is providing an essential cultural and maintenance purpose for the park and it should not be designated as a non-conforming use. A non-conforming use designation could lead to the eviction of this Center and a loss of a service that many San Franciscans have used for many years. Recycling should be included in the Master Plan as a positive attribute of the park. The Center encourages and provides Recycling services and educational opportunities. He felt that the Golden Gate Park Conservancy is inappropriate for the park and that private sector involvement will lead to commercialization of the park.

Jake Sigg, said that people who use and need the park are out there walking and enjoying it. He was a gardener for 30 years in the park and frequently spent much of that time on the Kennedy Drive, King Drive and Middle Drive. During the commute hours it was a nightmare experience. He asked if this was William Hammond Hall's vision of an urban, pastoral retreat. The Commission has a responsibility to follow that vision. He urged the Commission to come to terms with the commuter traffic problem and to adopt a bold plan that will attract funding.

GOLDEN GATE PARK MASTER PLAN
ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW (Continued)

Public Testimony (Continued)

Greg Gaar, a member of the Board of Directors of the Haight Ashbury Neighborhood Council, and someone who served on the Golden Gate Park Master Plan Task Force, said countless meetings were held on issues relating to circulation, land use, the Recycling Center, etc., and this plan is a result of all those meetings. He said everyone realizes that the automobile is choking Golden Gate Park and destroying the park experience. People who live in a densely populated City need to be able to relax after a hard day at work and do not want to confront more traffic congestion. The Task Force was not informed of the 8,300 square feet of additional building that is now under consideration. The park is unbearable with the amount of congestion and the road closures are a good start. He urged that the Plan be forwarded for environmental review to obtain feedback from City planners. He said he used to manage the Recycling Center and said there are many non conforming uses in the park such as the Park Police Station which serves the community and the park. The maintenance yard provides equipment and maintenance services for the entire Recreation and Park Department and McLaren Lodge and its Annex administers the entire recreation and park system, not just Golden Gate Park.

Paul Isarr, has lived in many neighborhoods around Golden Gate Park and the park has always been an important consideration in his choice of residence. He rarely drives, but bicycles to most of his destinations and has seen the City and park deteriorate. It is very difficult to bicycle because of the number of vehicles. He said the issue is that of convenience and nobody wants to be inconvenienced. He wanted one place in the City to be pleasant and that should be the park. The park used to be that place but the day of leisurely Sunday drives in the City are gone. He supported the road closures and any measure that would remove the commercialization, traffic and parking in the park.

Lynda Ray, President of the Conservatory Foundation, said the Foundation is trying to refurbish the Conservatory of Flowers and is working with community groups to that end. The Sunday road closure of Kennedy Drive and the closure near Arguello have greatly diminished public access to this building. The additional proposed road closures will preclude many people from coming to the Conservatory and will allow only the able bodied to visit the park. She urged the Commission to consider access to this building because if it is refurbished the hope is that it will be self sustaining. Public interest can only be achieved if the building is accessible. She urged the Commission to not consider any more road closures around the Conservatory.

Philip Carleton, representing the Watch Bison Committee, presented a petition of over 700 signatures asking that all of the land that has been taken away from the bison since 1957 be returned. The signatures collected were taken from the paddock and there is support from some of the officials at the Zoo. Merri Magowan, of the Zoological Society Board of Directors signed the petition. He said that staff informed him that the recent volunteer clean ups at the bison paddock area were successful and saved the City $12,000-15,000. He said that the arguments given about this land being needed for reforestation was weak. He said he would continue fighting this issue to the Mayor's desk.

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Dave Bisho, representing the West of Twin Peaks Council, which represents 18 neighborhood organizations, said the Council has not taken a position on the proposed road closures because they have not met all summer. They will meet next Monday and he hoped that the Commission will give the road closures the consideration they deserve.

Anthony von der Muhl, representing the Haight Ashbury Neighborhood Council Recycling Committee, reminded the Commission that it previously guided and approved the development of the Kezar Corner Master Plan. During that time, the suitability of the Recycling Center at its current location was extensively studied by staff, the Commission and the community. All found that it was sited in an appropriate location and it was not designated as non conforming. The Kezar Master Plan also went through environmental review. He said that nothing has changed since that time in terms of the Center's impact on the park. The volume has declined and they have increased the level of service it gives to the park. The Center has made many good faith efforts to mitigate any impacts on the park. The permit shows its desire to be the best neighbor that it can be to the park and the surrounding community. HANC accepted the compromise language but reminded the Commission that the Center is identified in the City's Solid Waste Management Plan and anything that compromises that activity will have a consequence. HANC supports the road closures in the Master Plan and opposed the expansion of structures in the park.

David Kinsley, a cyclist, said his main concern is opportunities for off road cycling in the Park and Ms. Learner was beginning to address this issue. Road closures in the park are valuable assets to all the people. The closed areas in the park are heavily used on Sundays and the road closures can easily be accommodated. He suggested that both Saturday closure options be considered. He reminded the Commission that their concerns should be recreational opportunities for the City rather than the potential money making opportunities for the vendors and museums.

Chuck Colella, said the proposed closing of Sunset Blvd. and the left turn restriction on Crossover Drive will greatly exclude thousands of people from the southwest corner of the City. This issue is not a matter of accommodating those who wish to bicycle, rather a matter of exclusion. The park is for everyone and a vehicle is the only way children and the elderly have to get to the park. The only way elderly friends can visit the park is by car. He said the only major north/south thoroughfare is Sunset Blvd. and there is no other way to get in and out of the park. He urged the Commission to consider these issues.

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Frank Tsai, acting director of the Academy of Sciences, read a statement on behalf of the Academy which supported programs that limit non-park related traffic. The Academy opposed the Saturday closure until there is a proven alternative transportation program in place. They looked forward to working with staff and the Commission to develop parking policies that will consider the many volunteers who are essential for the Academy's educational programs. The Sunday closure has had a negative impact on the Academy and the closures will limit the public's ability to visit the facility. In 1967, the first year of the closure, there were 62,000 fewer Sunday visitors. The institutions in the park attract national and international tourist and must remain accessible to everyone.

Burton Rockwell, member of the Friends of Recreation and Parks, attended many of the Task Force meetings and the one topic everyone agreed upon was reducing commuter traffic in the park. However, it has been treated lightly in the Master Plan. There has been much disagreement about closure and access to the park. He said it was an attractive principle to keep traffic out by shutting down access to the Park but its many users must be considered. He said too much emphasis has been placed on the road closures. He did not favor the road closures but felt they should be part of the environmental review process.

Charles Canepa, supported the road closures that eliminate the commuter traffic in the park and the Saturday road closures. He was pleased to know that the non conforming use issue for the Recycling Center had been included in the Master Plan. He did not think the Center would relocate unless they were given an incentive. He said the Center should not be able to truck recycled material into the Center 7 days a week. He did feel the Recycling Center was an inappropriate use of park property and said it was unfair to the neighbors in the area. He said the comment previously made that there was no opposition to the Center from the neighborhood was incorrect.

Lena Emmery, lives near Golden Gate Park and enjoys the benefits of the Park. She said the HANC Recycling Center is an industrial use in an inappropriate location. The Center started years ago when it may have been a more appropriate use because it was located next to a dilapidated stadium. Kezar Stadium has been renovated and the odors and noise associated with the Center is not compatible. There is new housing across the street, the City has a curbside recycling system in place and HANC does not perform all of the recycling services in the park. There are other recycling groups that offer similar service. She said there has been discussion about access to the parks but in Paris nobody can drive to the front door of the Louvre.

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Howard Strassner, representing the Sierra Club, urged the Commission to forward the Master Plan to environmental review and reminded them that tonight's action would not decide what should or should not take place in the park. It grieved him that he had to urge that the Plan to go forward so the traffic engineers could have an opportunity to analyze all of the elements of the Plan. He wanted to get rid of commuter parking and felt that the environmental impact statements were necessary. This action will offer a complete environmental impact report that studies the alternatives.

David Jamison, president of the Museum Society and Friends of Recreation and Parks, said that for the last 22 years "Friends" has provided private funding for the City's parks and to support the City's recreation programs. The Museum Society represents an enormous constituency with over 20,000 members living in San Francisco and same number living in the Bay Area. These members view Golden Gate Park as a regional facility, a local park and a destination for both recreational and cultural activities. He strongly urged that full access be maintained to Golden Gate Park and to its institutions. He asked that closures be located where they would not disrupt access. He expressed his total opposition to any closures of Kennedy Drive on Saturday.

Kate Webster, representing the Sierra Club, the Coalition for Golden Gate Park, and a member of the Master Plan Task Force, thanked the Department and consultants for their hard work and ongoing outreach with the public. She reiterated that both the public and the Commission would benefit greatly from the environmental review analysis and would clarify the controversy that has surrounded the specific road closures and accessibility issues. The environmental review would decide the impact from these measures. She wanted to help shape Golden Gate Park and its future. She and the organizations she was associated with looked forward to continuing to provide input throughout the Master Plan process to create a bold vision for the park by reducing commuter and through traffic as well as providing greater recreational opportunities.

Honey Harm, a senior, and one of the 1000 volunteers at the Academy of Sciences, explained that there are no viable transportation alternatives from Santa Clara to Golden Gate Park and she must use her car. She is also sunlight sensitive and cannot wait 30 minutes for a shuttle or bus to access the park. She empathized with the Commission's responsibility to consider the many different needs but implored the Commission to make it accessible for everyone.

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Connie **Fox**, a recreational user of the Golden Gate Park, favored the road closures She said the Sunday closure shows how many people use the park. If Kennedy Driv were closed from Stanyan to Crossover Drive and if Stow Lake Drive were close the museums could be accessed from Lincoln Way. She said the only greenery yo see when driving in the City is the park and that it needed to be preserved.. Sh suggested installing toll booths at entrances so that those who really want to g through the park would have to pay a fee. That fee could be used for the park.

Michael Wise, a native San Franciscans, asked the Commission to pay particul attention to the corner of 8th and Fulton because this entrance is located nearest t the institutions in the park. The street corner is an urban blight and the abandone Delancey Street building is boarded up and unsightly. He thought the Commissio should consider this area because many tourists and park users access the par from this street. He said it would be in the Commission's best interest to d something about this area and asked that it consider making the Delancey Stree building a visitor center. He further asked that the Commission rename the Count Fair Building back to the Hall of Flowers.

Bert Glenn, vice Chair of the San Francisco Bicycle Advisory Committee, said tha they have had an opportunity to submit their comments and views on the Plan as was developed. The result of those meetings is the Plan before the Commissio The Bicycle Advisory Committee believes that the Plan should go forward f environmental review as presented by staff The Plan now represents a compromis as a result of a lot of work and consideration from many interest groups includin cyclists. The Plan deserves further study and there is an opportunity to review th individual aspects of the plan after that review is compete.

David Shaw, representing the Academy of Sciences, works in the Public Informatio Office and provides information to the public. He hears frustration and complaint from the public on how difficult it is to access the Academy. On the weekend when many people want to visit the Academy the public transit is less frequent t the park. He urged that the Commission consider the impacts of the road closure and the ability of the public to access the Academy, especially seniors and familie with small children.

James Beck, lives, works and recreates near Golden Gate Park and said there increased congestion and industrialism. At this time, the park must fost environmental awareness. Recycling is an essential concept in the environment outlook. The best possible location of the Recycling Center is in the park and it doe not enjoin the natural areas of the park. Recycling in the park should be considere a conditional use. He said every possible measure should be taken to limit th traffic and commuter traffic in the park and that as many roads as possible shou be closed. He favored Saturday closures and the Recycling Center.

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Barbara Marion, President of the Kezar Poly Neighborhood Association, a member of the Golden Gate Park Task Force, and immediate neighbor of the Recycling Center, applauded the direction to encourage the Recycling Center to seek an alternate location. She believed that recycling is a social good and should be encouraged within our City, however, that social good could be accommodated somewhere other than on valuable park land. A recreational use could be found for this land that would be less detrimental to the immediate neighborhood. Although she did not favor road closures, she encouraged the Commission to consider closing a portion of Waller Street and making it a one way exit from Lincoln thereby allowing traffic to go from Lincoln directly onto Stanyan Street.

Dr. Sheila Fernandez, a member of the Watch Bison Committee, spoke of her concern about the buffalo in the park. She has been volunteering at the bison paddock area on Saturdays and seen many people come on tours and hundreds of others walk by. She has been communicating with the buffalo and they have informed her that they do not want any more land taken away from them and that they want their land back by the year 2000. She said she planned to file a class action suit on behalf of the bison and to take legal action if their land is not returned.

Bryan Yamamoto, a local resident and user of the park, supported the closures and asked the Commission to improve public transportation on the weekends so the park users could enjoy the park and the museums. If the roads were not closed there will be no pressure on the City to improve public transit. If one is able to drive, there is no impetus to improve public transportation throughout the park.

Joan Downey, representing the Kezar-Poly Neighborhood Association, and member of Golden Gate Park Master Plan Task Force, was glad to see the non conforming language inserted in the Plan. She had heard arguments that the Center should be grandfathered into the plan but a lot has changed since the Recycling Center started its operation. It was located next to old Kezar, across the street from an abandoned high school and before curbside recycling was established. When the Center first began they did not truck material from commercial areas. She wanted a timetable for removal of the Recycling Center included in the HANC permit.

Sara Mogel, a heavy user of the park, said her vision for the park would be to see it totally closed to cars. However, a great deal of time and work went into the circulation element and she supported it as presented. She registered her concern about the Golden Gate Park Conservancy. She is a member of the Academy of Sciences and notices the corporate tags when she enters the building and has seen her membership rates increase. She did not think corporations would invest money without wanting some sort of recognition or acknowledgment. She also registered her support for the Recycling Center.

Frederick J. Venose, spoke behalf of the Bison. He has lived in San Francisco for last 17 years and said the buffalo do not have a voice. He supported the buffalo and asked that the land that was taken away since 1957 be returned to them.

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Terry Rolleri, fully supported the road closures. He realized that the closures may create an inconvenience but the goal was to improve the park. He did not think anyone could argue that the park is not being assaulted by automobile traffic. The only way to restrict automobile traffic is to restrict access. People are not being excluded from the park; rather the automobile is being excluded. He routinely visits the park on Sundays and sees people of all age groups enjoying the park. He said the museums are present to serve the park, not the park to serve the museums. He fully supported the Recycling Center, said they accept more materials then the City's curbside program, and felt it should be designated as an appropriate use of park.

Chandler Visner, uses the institutions in the parks and walks to them with children. It was important to have disabled access to the institutions but allowing automobiles is a detriment to the rest of the park users. One car takes up a lot of space and a lot of enjoyment. He understood the concept of people having access to the park but did not think cars were the only way to achieve it.

Vivian Goodwin, representing the Coalition to Save Ocean Beach, appreciated the open space of the park and at the beach. She felt there is a place for automobiles in the park but that the speed limit should be 25 miles per hour as it is in the Presidio. If signage was placed at all entrances to the park informing drivers of the 25 mile per hour speed limit nobody would speed through Golden Gate Park. She said that automobile use on Lincoln and Fulton Streets needed to be addressed. She suggested that the old Delancey Street building on 8th and Fulton Streets should be converted into a garage for park visitors. She disapproved of the road closures near the golf course because golfers need to transport their equipment.

Pete Holloran, a member of the California Native Plant Society and a user of the park said it is difficult to balance the use of automobiles and the needs of people. He asked that the Commission abide by the democratic and open process that has taken place in the last 2 years developing the Master Plan and to forward it to environmental review.

Bill Kastins, thanked the Commission and park staff for their efforts and said that people can enjoy the park from a car window. As a member of the Museum Society he was quite familiar with the park and has shown groups of people the beautiful areas in the park on Sundays when there are less autos in the park. There are serious problems relating to cars, parking and access, and he empathized with most of those needs. He urged that the Master Plan be forwarded for environmental review and said that serious efforts were needed to improve public transit to the museums or the use of a shuttle service.

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Jim **Rhoads**, a 20 year resident of the Haight Ashbury, supported the road closures that have been suggested in the Master Plan. He is a frequent user of the park and felt the Commission should make it difficult for people to drive through the park. He suggested the use of speed bumps to slow traffic in the park. He urged that the Plan be forwarded to environmental review so that the City Planning experts could analyze it. He also spoke in support of the Recycling Center and explained that he started going to the Center 10 years ago and was so impressed that he became a member of its Board. He thought it was important to consider the integration of the activities in the park and noted that the Park Police Station serves both the park and needs of the residents. The Recycling Center serves the needs of the community as well as the needs of Golden Gate Park.

Martha Hoffman, a homeowner, who lives 1/2 block from the park, voiced her strong support for the Recycling Center. She has joined the Board of Directors of HANC and volunteers a lot of her time. As a neighbor to the Center, she felt it was an appropriate use of the park space. She uses the park daily and while she drives through the park, she thought she should not be able to do so with such ease. She strongly supported the road closures and circulation plan and urged that the plan be forwarded to environmental review. She was frustrated to hear the statement that one cannot get to the institutions when they are accessible from 9th Avenue. She suggested that the Academy offer a free day one Sunday to encourage visitors.

Harry Parker, director of the Fine Arts Museums, participated in the Golden Gate Park Master Plan planning effort and commended everyone who worked on the process. It is a very difficult assignment to balance the many competing needs for Golden Gate Park. The Museums support the goals that have been set forth in the plan and made considerable adjustments to support the use of bicycles, public transit, slowing traffic, the 4 hour parking restriction even though it will cause disruption for the visitors, volunteers and staff. The Museums have made every effort to be cooperative but said the Saturday closure created a problem with diminished attendance. The museums offer a recreational and educational use and road closures diminish that public service. He wanted the environmental study of the Master Plan to include an analysis of the economic impact on the institutions from a Saturday road closure if that option were included in the Plan. He said that attendance levels for museums around the country climb from the early days of the week to the weekends and Sundays are the largest attendance days. This is not the case for San Francisco's museums.

Richard Goss, President of the Board of Trustees of the Fine Arts Museums, commended staff for the hard work that has been put into the plan and knew the park would be better because of the planning effort. He opposed the Saturday closure and asked that the environmental review consider the economic impact on the museums from the Saturday road closure options. He also strongly preferred the option that provided parking along Hagiwara Drive.

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Park Planner, Deborah Learner, wanted to clarify a comment made earlier that the road closures and transportation measures are to be funded by the Bond issue. The Golden Gate Park Master Plan is a comprehensive document that covers all aspects of the parks and its management. In the comprehensive view the bond activities which include water supply distribution, lakes and reservoirs, water courses, utilities and rehabilitation of park features is a subset within the overall Master Plan. Other activities such as road closures, rehabilitation of buildings are included in the Master Plan but are not identified in the bond and will not be funded by the bond. Modifications to pathways to address disabled access are the type of items that would be funded through bond funds. She said it is important to understand that the Master Plan is subject to the public process and identifies the projects to which bond funds are eligible.

Note for the Record: The Commission recessed the meeting from 8:20 p.m. 8:35 p.m.

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Clayton Mansfield, representing the Sierra Club, asked if the park will be a place for people to get away, to enjoy the park or a place to get to one part of town to the other. He supported discouraging commuter traffic in the park. He did not want to deny the elderly or the disabled access from the facilities. The Sierra Club wants to begin to rid the park of cars that travel through the park. The institutions in the park provide a valuable cultural resource but are not the armature of the park. While it is important for park visitors to have access to the museums, the Sierra Club advocates improvements to public transportation and an internal park shuttle service to provide that access. Motor vehicle access to the museums is available via King Drive on weekends. The Sierra Club supported the Saturday closure of Kennedy Drive even though they sympathized with the institutions in the park.

Tim English, said he encounters a lot of cars and finds it difficult to find fresh air. He said disabled access is important but there is a lot of unnecessary traffic in the park. He, too, had spoken to the bison, who informed him that they want to go back to Montana.

Charles d'Harcourt, a San Francisco resident and park user commended the Commission and staff on their excellent work on the Master Plan. People come from all over the City and the world to visit the park and it is one of San Francisco's assets. The road closures will lessen traffic in the park. The museums are accessible through King Drive. He thought that access to the museums needed more publicity.

Olga Mandrussow, grew up in the Richmond District, and spoke in support of all the road closures, including the Saturday closure. She has visited major cities in the United States and the world and has never seen a park that has as much traffic as Golden Gate Park. She also has never seen a museum that allows people to drive directly to the front door.

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Ed Dunn, a staff member at the HANC Recycling Center, has been a volunteer or staff member at the Center since it opened. The tradition of providing an educational experience for school children continues almost 20 years later. The Center provides an important educational function to keep the environment clean which is compatible with the park's mission. He noted that the Recycling Center was included in the Kezar Master Plan and was considered an appropriate use in that Plan. HANC fought for the Parkview Housing Project and 40 residents from that complex have signed a petition in support of the Recycling Center. He referenced others that support the Center including a nearby yoga center and the Inner Sunset Neighborhood Association, and neighbors in the immediate area of the Recycling Center. He supported the road closures in the Master Plan and closed his comments by reading the definition of the word "recreation" from Webster's dictionary: "...refreshment of strength and spirits after work; to create again". He said this definition could apply to the park or the Recycling Center.

John Laskin, disagreed with the statement previously made that the environmental review will determine the impacts. He said the environmental review is just a legal requirement and a waste of a few $100,000. He further explained that arrogance is telling a park user whether he/she should take public transportation or a car into the park. He did not think it was right to tell someone what to do and that people have reasons for using a car.

Lynn Grano, a homeowner in the Haight, said that recently the Embarcadero Freeway was torn down after a lot of heated opposition. Today nobody regrets that decision. Years ago there was a plan to connect Highway 101 through the Panhandle which was ultimately defeated. Nobody regrets that decision. He said if the City begins to close roads in the park, while accommodating the disabled and elderly, 20 years from now nobody will regret that decision.

Jonathan Stern, representing the Green Party and the Coalition for Golden Gate Park, has been working on the plan for 1-1/2 years and wanted it to be sent for environmental review. A lot of people have worked on this plan with the intent to balance the many issues. He urged that the Commission to forward the plan for the environmental review process. He said the park is one of the last existing wildlife habitats in the City. The park should be viewed with the original vision of William Hammond Hall and John McLaren: an urban retreat and sylvan pastoral environment.

Eva Hue, representing Sunset Parkside Education and Action Committee (SPEAK), said that it voted a strong position of support for the Master Plan including the circulation element which will address vehicular traffic. She said the Plan was written after much discussion on every issue at numerous meetings. The Master Plan must be considered as a whole before any decisions are made on individual aspects to the Plan. She said the Commission should not make a final decision on controversial issues such as possible road closures until the EIR is completed. The EIR study will offer the best possible solution to traffic in the park.

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Vera **Kraus**, said that open space is declining, and unreliable mass transit is fostering traffic congestion, noise and pollution. She thought that any steps that will help clean the air and create less traffic congestion in the park should be endorsed. She supported the plan and said if public transit ran every 5 minutes rather than every 20 minutes there would not be such a problem getting to the institutions. California is a car state, and more emphasis should be made on better mass transit. She suggested a 15 mile per hour speed limit in the park.

David Ferguson, a native San Franciscan and property owner in the City, was active in the last Golden Gate Park Master Plan process, completed 15 years ago. He said there was a need to compromise and felt that traffic should flow north to south. This option is available at Crossover Drive, Stanyan Street and the Great Highway. He did not want closures of 41st Avenue to 43rd Avenue, or South Fork Drive to maintain the flow of traffic. He favored closure of 30th but not of South Fork because peopled needed to cross the park. He hoped the environmental review would address these issues.

Patrick Tierney, said one of the challenges facing the Plan is to balance the needs of nearby residents with the tourists and others who are not familiar with the park. The park is a major attraction and is an important element to the City's economy. He did not think it was appropriate to limit access to the park without providing alternatives. He was not against closing roads provided there were alternatives. There is a need for an internal park shuttle, increased MUNI service, etc. It was unreasonable to consider this issue was somebody else's problem and to close roads without solutions. He further noted that 3/4 of the capital projects in the plan have no funding source identified and he thought it was time to consider how these items would be funded if the plan was going to be more than a wish list. He said the Conservancy approach is the only realistic option because the City will no longer fund the park as it did in the past.

Bruno Walther, said the Golden Gate Park Master Plan is bold and courageous and there has been cooperation throughout the process. He felt the non conforming use clause should be removed from the Recycling Center and supported it remaining in the park. He rides a bicycle every day in the park except for Sunday because there is so much bicycle congestion in the park on that day.

Susan Arneson, has been involved in the planning process for the past 1-1/2 years and felt the priority should be the park. The Plan does not inhibit access, nor exclude anyone from the park. It does help balance the needs of the park and she wanted the Plan embraced and viewed as an opportunity to improve the park. She said that everyone needed to collectively think of creative ideas to address the community's concerns. She encouraged the Commission to send the plan to the environmental review process so that improvements can begin in the park.

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Jonathan Gervais, grew up on Fulton Street and his parents still live on this street. He said it is a raceway and when he exits his driveway he feels like he is backing out onto Sears' Point raceway. If more traffic was going to be placed on Fulton Street, serious mitigation measures will have to be implemented such as additional stop signs. If roads are closed in the park, the Commission must consider the impacts of the closures on the adjacent streets, such as Fulton.

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President Immendorf said the Commission must decide if any or all of the elements in the Plan should be included in the environmental review. Many of the proposed road closures will create problems on surrounding streets and it is difficult to determine those impacts. The environmental review process will answer some of those issues and will assist the Commission when its makes future decisions relating to Golden Gate Park.

He felt that the Plan should move forward with the exception of the closure of Kennedy Drive on Saturday. Everyone is aware of the impact on the institutions from the Sunday closure, however, he was more concerned about access to the institutions by the disabled, the elderly, and families with children. He further explained that when he was first appointed to the Commission one of the first issues raised was the poor public transit service to the park. He said the Commission must consider the need for improved MUNI service and/or shuttle service in the park. He favored the balance of the items in the Draft Master Plan. He urged his fellow commissioners to consider the elimination of the Saturday road closure from the Master Plan Draft.

Commissioner Farrow agreed with the statement of President Immendorf. She said the environmental review process will help the Commission make informed decisions that will benefit everyone.

Commissioner Sommer said the Commission has been informed about every step of the Master Planning process and has read the letters and articles received on this issue. The Commission is the watch dog for the park and even if it disagrees with a member of the public it does not mean that it doesn't care about the park.

Commissioner Sommer asked Ms. Learner if the crop rotation proposal will be feasible for the bison. Ms. Learner explained that staff suggested that the log storage area be returned to the bison and that the fenced area on the east be returned to the bison. Ms. Learner stated that staff had encouraged the implementation of crop rotation to see if it would work.

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Commissioner Sommer wanted to amend the non-conforming use language for the HANC Recycling Center and proposed deleting the words, "when feasible alternative locations for these activities are identified and become available" in the fourth sentence. She also wanted to change the word "minimized" in the sixth sentence to "eliminated". She made a motion to that effect; Commissioner Rovetti seconded this motion.

President Immendorf pointed out that the proposed language had been agreed upon with the HANC Recycling Center staff and the Recreation and Park Department.
The Commission unanimously approved amending the non-conforming use language relating to the Haight Ashbury Neighborhood Council (HANC) Recycling Center.

Mr. Arnold said if the Commission wanted to place a time period on when the Recycling Center should relocate it should be discussed at the Commission meeting scheduled on 9/22/94 as the Recycling Center permit is one of the items calendared for consideration.

Commissioner Chan felt the timeline issue for the Recycling Center should be discussed at the 9/22/94 Commission meeting. He further explained that he had mixed emotions about the Saturday closure and said if the entire plan was not forwarded to City Planning for environmental review it would be unfair considering the time and energy that has been put in the Master Plan. He thought the entire plan should be forwarded for environmental review.

Commissioner Rovetti explained he has looked at skaters, bicyclists and the museums in the park. He felt the issue was about educating young people. He said the institutions are providing a valuable educational experience for young people and that those learning institutions should be preserved. He is a senior citizen and was concerned about the disabled. He was also a businessman and said his driver would have to go around the City in order to deliver goods if some of the road closures were implemented.

Commissioner Rovetti made a motion to forward the Golden Gate Park Master Plan to environmental review with deletion of the language pertaining to the Saturday closure options and with the amended non-conforming use language for the Haight Ashbury Neighborhood Council Recycling Center. Commissioner Farrow seconded this motion.

Vice President Mazzola said that he could not support the motion even though it was his opinion that the Saturday closure would be too cumbersome. He felt that the Plan should be forwarded for environmental review so that the planners could study the entire project and inform the Commission of their findings regarding a Saturday closure in the park.

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On motion of Commissioner Rovetti, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16958

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves forwarding the Draft Golden Gate Park Master Plan to environmental review with the following amendments:

•Deletion of any consideration of Saturday closure options (Kennedy Drive: Kezar Drive to 8th Avenue and Kennedy Drive: Stow Lake Drive to Transverse Drive)

•Incorporation of the following language identifying the Haight Ashbury Neighborhood Council Recycling Center as a non-conforming use of park land.

The Haight Ashbury Neighborhood Council (HANC) Recycling Center, located in Golden Gate Park, is part of the City and County of San Francisco's Source Reduction and Recycling Element of the Solid Waste Master Plan. The Center receives recyclables from businesses and the surrounding neighborhoods and as such is a non-conforming use of the Park. The Center also provides recycling services to the Park, collecting recyclable materials on a regular basis and at special events. The non-park serving activities should eventually be phased out. In the interim, the Center should increase its benefits to the Park. While the Recycling Center is located on Park property, the Center's activities should be focused on the recycling needs of Golden Gate Park and the immediate neighborhoods and material collected from other parts of the City should be eliminated. Additional measures should be taken to reduce the noise and visual impact of the Recycling Center on the Park and neighborhood.

Approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Commissioners Farrow, Immendorf, Rovetti, Ruiz
Noes: Commissioners Chan, Mazzola, Sommer

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Note for the Record: No additional public comment was received.

5. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Special Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shauna Marie Rose
Commission Secretary

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696TH REGULAR MEETING

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 1994 - 2:00 P.M.

The Six Hundred Ninety Sixth Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Thursday, September 22, 1994 at 2:00 p.m. by President Jack Immendorf.

1. **ROLL CALL**

Present: Commissioner Jack Immendorf, President
Commissioner Larry Mazzola, Vice President
Commissioner Sidney Chan
Commissioner Bella Farrow
Commissioner Vincent J. Rovetti (noted present at 2:30 p.m.)
Commissioner Santiago Ruiz
Commissioner Sue Sommer

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On motion of Commissioner Chan, seconded by Commissioner Sommer, the minutes of the Special Meeting of July 13, 1994 and the Regular Meeting of July 21, 1994, were approved as presented.

APPROVED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:
Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Farrow, Immendorf, Mazzola, Ruiz, Sommer
Absent: Commissioner Rovetti

3. **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

General Manager, Mary E. Burns, submitted the following report:

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION As part of the Department's ongoing Employee Recognition Program, the Park Division has nominated the North Beach Complex employees of the Neighborhood Parks Division for consistently delivering superior services to the park users of their area of the City. James Holt, supervisor of the North Beach Complex, is here to accept the certificate of appreciation on behalf of his crew. Michael Morlin, Assistant Superintendent of Neighborhood Parks, will make the presentation.

3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)

BUDGET UPDATE The Mayor has submitted to the Board of Supervisors a plan to reduce the City's budget by approximately $9 million. The effect on the Recreation and Park Department would be a reduction of $233,679. The reductions consist of $168,079 from salaries and fringe benefits and $65,600 from capital projects. The Mayor's proposal is being considered by the Board of Supervisors.

ANONYMOUS GIFT The media has reported the receipt of a gift in the amount of approximately $1.6 million from an anonymous donor. The gift was made to the Friends of Recreation and Parks. The work being undertaken with this gift consists of court resurfacing, planting of trees in neighborhood parks, replacement of panic hardware at recreation centers and restoration of natural habitat areas. As these projects are completed, they will be brought to the Commission as gifts in place for receipt and approval by the Commission.

LAKE MERCED On August 2, 1994, the water level at Lake Merced was 13.67 feet. Between August 2 and August 28, the San Francisco Water Department added water to the lake on two occasions, bringing the water level to 15.84 feet. As of today, the water level stands at 15.36 feet.

PINE LAKE The most recent Department of Public Health test of Pine Lake, conducted on September 14, 1994, still shows slight positive results for ammonia, uric acid and detergent--all indicators of a possible sewage contamination. The most recent test shows significant reductions in the amount since the original test in late July, indicating a single occurrence. Given these results, Department of Public Health water pollution signs are still posted on the lake edge. The Department of Public Health will continue to test the water in Pine Lake until further notice.

The Department of Public Works' Sewer Repair Division continues to test residential sewer lines near the Pine Lake area. All of the Recreation and Park sewers have been tested and no leaks were found, giving greater possibility to a one-time occurrence. Since the occurrence, the Health Department and representatives from the Park and Recreation Divisions have met to implement new emergency response procedures and annual testing for all of the lakes in our system.

BEACH CHALET Staff has entered into negotiations with Gregory Truppelli, Lara Graham Truppelli and Timon Malloy with the intention of signing a long-term lease for the establishment and operation of the Beach Chalet Restaurant & Brewery on the second floor of the Beach Chalet building. Preliminary investigations have been conducted, and staff hopes to have a proposed agreement to present to the Commission in November.

SERRA SCULPTURE The Board of Trustees of the Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco voted last week to restore the original reflecting pool built in the parking area in front of the Legion of Honor in the 1920's. The Board's decision precludes the placement of the Serra sculpture at that site. The pool restoration and other parking lot improvements will come before you for approval.

3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)

SERV-A-THON The San Francisco Conservation Corps' annual Serv-a-thon takes place on Saturday, October 1, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. It is an opportunity for people from all walks of life to come together to work in parks and neighborhoods throughout San Francisco. Some of the selected sites include Golden Gate Park, Lake Merced, Boeddeker Park and Stern Grove. At your places is a brochure that will explain how you can provide your support physically or monetarily or both.

RANDALL MUSEUM At your places is a copy of an article from the July 27 edition of The San Francisco Bay Guardian, which announces that the Randall Museum has been named the "Best Little Live-Animal Museum" in their 20th annual "Best of the Bay" awards.

SF TEEN At your places you will find the September/October 1994 issue of SF Teen, which is written, edited, photographed and managed by a talented group of teens representing a cross section of the City. Check out page 7, "The Top Ten Reasons Why SF Teen is Better than The Chronicle."

FALL/WINTER GUIDE At your places you will find the Recreation and Park Department's Fall/Winter Guide. In addition to being an insert in the September 13 edition of the San Francisco Independent, the guide has been distributed to all recreation centers and branch libraries. It contains information on fall and winter programs and special events as well as a pull-out directory that lists all Recreation and Park Department facilities, including address, telephone number and the programs and activities available at the sites.

LINCOLN PARK GOLF COURSE The cover of the August 1994 issue of Golf Today features Lincoln Park Golf Course's 17th hole with this notation: "Golfers always think about traveling afar to exotic golf courses to experience the unique. There's nothing wrong with that. However, in everyone's area, there are municipal courses with thrills enough for everyone. Such is the case of Lincoln Park Golf Course in San Francisco which has, on Hole #17, the Golden Gate Bridge as its background. Absolutely magnificent!"

ACADEMY OF SCIENCES The Academy of Sciences will be holding its first Camp Academy Reunion on September 30. Camp Academy, now in its second year, is a week-long science camp coordinated in collaboration with the Recreation and Park Department's playground and latchkey sites. Over a six-week period this summer, a total of 190 children from 15 sites came to the Academy. In addition, the Academy's Supervan Outreach Program visited 14 of our sites, bringing science presentations to another 325 children.

GENERAL MANAGER'S VACATION I will be away from the office on vacation, October 3 through October 7. During my absence, Phil Arnold will serve as Acting General Manager.

NATIONAL RECREATION AND PARK ASSOCIATION URBAN PARK AND RECREATION ALLIANCE I will be attending the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) Congress taking place October 12-16, in Minneapolis, Minnesota. As president of the Urban Park and Recreation Alliance (an organization composed of the managers of the 44 largest urban park districts in the United States and Canada), I will be chairing the fall meeting which will be held on the day before the NRPA conference gets underway. The emphasis of the organization is problem solving and information sharing. We will also be meeting with representatives of the Lila Wallace-Reader's Digest Foundation regarding the National Park Academy they are interesting in forming.

3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)

SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS The following claims, under $5,000, were settled by the City Attorney's Office during the month of August 1994:

•Luna, Lupe J	$ 215.00	•Seibel, Sandra	$ 153.50
•Wallace, Gentrye	377.01	•Granville, Junius	842.30
•Chen, Amanda Y.	237.87	•Hensley, Kelly	365.92
•Van Koughnett, Kathryn	283.28	•Scragg, Susan	100.00
•Graham, Rodrigo	171.05	•Brownstein, David	91.01
•Kneitel, Alan	I.383.55	•Zopfi, John	4,056.84
•Hawthorne, Mary Ann	1,063.13	•Bianco, John	4,999.00
•Garvens, Derek K.	168.44	•Tam, Candy	700.00
•Lateiner, Vera	5,000.00		

DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday, September 28, 1994	Recreation Program Committee; 3:30 p.m.; Sunset Recreation Center, 28th Avenue & Lawton Street
Saturday, October 1, 1994	San Francisco Serv-a-thon; 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.; various parks and neighborhoods throughout San Francisco
Saturday, October 1, 1994	Primitive Plant Garden dedication; 10:00 a.m.; Strybing Arboretum
Tuesday, October 4, 1994	Parks and Planning Committee; 4:00 p.m. McLaren Lodge
Wednesday, October 5, 1994	Joint Zoo Committee; 4:30 p.m. tour, 5:00 p.m. meeting; Education Classroom, San Francisco Zoo
Thursday, October 6, 1994	Finance and Candlestick Committee; 3:00 p.m. McLaren Lodge
Friday, October 7, 1994	Columbus Day Luncheon; 12:00 p.m.; Stern Grove
Monday, October 10, 1994	Columbus Day Holiday
Friday, October 14, 1994	Joint Commission, Children's Budget; 2:00 p.m. Board of Supervisors' Chambers, City Hall

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters listed hereunder constitute a Consent Calendar, are considered to be routine by the Recreation and Park Commission and will be acted upon by a single roll call vote of the Commission. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member so requests, in which event the matter shall be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered as a separate item.

On motion of Commissioner Mazzola, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolutions were adopted:

4. CONSENT CALENDAR (Continued)

THE CONSENT CALENDAR WAS APPROVED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:
Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Farrow, Immendorf, Mazzola, Ruiz, Sommer
Absent: Commissioner Rovetti

a. PERSONNEL MATTERS — RES. NO. 16959

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies the actions taken by the General Manager regarding personnel matters during the period July 4, 1994 through September 1, 1994.

b. SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS ANIMAL TRANSACTIONS — RES. NO. 16960

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies the following animal transactions for the San Francisco Zoological Gardens which were processed under Resolution No. 13572:

PURCHASED FROM: Mesker Park Zoo
2421 Bement Avenue
Evansville, IN 47720-5500, USDA 32-C-011
Two (2) Female Pygmy Marmosets, valued at $600 for the Pair

PURCHASED FROM: R. Miller, DVM
5700 SW 130th Avenue
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33330, USDA 58-A-11
One (1) Male and One (1) Female Saddlebill Storks, valued at $15,000 for the pair

DONATION FROM: Marine World
Marine World Parkway
Vallejo, CA 94584
One (1) California King Snake, sex unknown

DONATION FROM: Rick and Nancy Jones
Wildlife Rehabilitation, 9409 N. Highway #3
Fort Jones, CA 96032
One (1) Female River Otter

DONATION FROM: Lee Schmidt
839 Grayson Lane
Pleasant Hill, CA 94523
One (1) Male Emu

DONATION TO: Henson Robinson Zoo
1100 East Lake Drive
Springfield, IL 62707-8926, USDA 33-C-035
One (1) Male Emperor Tamarin

DONATION TO: Randall Museum
199 Museum Way
San Francisco, CA 94114
One (1) European Starling, Sex Unknown

DONATION TO: Randall Museum
199 Museum Way
San Francisco, CA 94114
One (1) Common Raven, Sex Unknown

c. SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS ANIMAL TRANSACTION AGREEMENT — RES. NO. 16961

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the San Francisco Zoological Gardens Animal Transaction Agreement.

d. NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS AND SQUARES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PLAYGROUND RENOVATIONS — RES. NO. 16962

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the application of funds through the 1995 Community Development Block Grant Program for renovation of children's play areas at the following neighborhood parks and installation of a fence at Koshland Park:

- Chinese Recreation Center
- Gilman Playground
- Herz Playground
- Jose Coronado Playground
- Koshland Park (Fence)
- Mission Playground
- Visitacion Valley Playground

4. CONSENT CALENDAR (Continued)

e. ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS RES. NO. 16963

RESOLVED, That this Commission accepts the following gifts valued at $82,616.73 for the Recreation and Park Department:

1) From San Francisco Croquet Club, through Friends of Recreation and Parks, $2,500.00, for Park Maintenance.

2) From San Francisco Recreation and Park Municipal Softball Association, through Friends of Recreation and Parks, $4,066.73, for softball field maintenance.

3) From Ikebana International, through Friends of Recreation and Parks, $5,000.00, for the Reforestation Program.

4) From Bill Graham Foundation, through Friends of Recreation and Parks, $300.00, for the Teen Newspaper Fund.

5) From Bill Graham Foundation, through Friends of Recreation and Parks, $5,000.00, for the Reforestation Program.

6) From the Conservatory Foundation, a gift in place of plant display benches, valued at $42,500.00, for the Conservatory of Flowers.

7) From Northern California Grant Makers, $23,250.00, to supplement the Department's summer programs at various recreation centers and playgrounds.

j. GOLDEN GATE PARK RES. NO. 16964
STOW LAKE BOATHOUSE
BICYCLE /SKATE RENTAL CONCESSION

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the sub-leasing of the Stow Lake Boathouse bicycle and skate rental agreement to Brian McInerney by Stow Lake Corporation.

Note for the Record: Items 4f, 4g and 4h were removed from the Consent Calendar and considered individually.

f. CANDLESTICK PARK
OPERATION OF PARKING LOT #6 - PARCEL 4977

Ratification of permit of operation for Parking Lot #6 (parcel 4977) at Candlestick Park.

Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold, explained that at the beginning of baseball season there was an issue pertaining to the dirt parking lots surrounding Candlestick Park and how they were operated and let. Lot 6, a small lot, which holds about 40 cars, is property of Recreation and Park. Staff informed the Commission several months ago that the lot would be competitively bid. The Department received 4 bids and City Park was the highest bidder. The item before the Commission is ratification of award of the bid to City Park. City Park bid $6.12 per car and the next highest bid was $4.91. Mr. Arnold recommended approval.

f. CANDLESTICK PARK
OPERATION OF PARKING LOT #6 - PARCEL 4977 (Continued)

Commissioner Sommer explained that she could not approve this item based on principle, explaining that the traffic to and from the paved parking lot and the dirt lots does not flow properly. Commissioner Sommer attended a game recently and was forced to go around the entire stadium in order to enter the proper parking lot gate because she found herself in the wrong lane. Because of the traffic congestion and various barricades, it took her 40 minutes to maneuver around the stadium. She said the traffic flow does not work and felt it was improper to charge people high fees to park at the stadium.

President Immendorf said that traffic flow is a problem and that he has asked both the Giants and the 49ers to review the traffic program at the stadium.

On motion of Commissioner Chan, seconded by Commissioner Ruiz, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16965

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies the permit of operation for Parking Lot #6 (Parcel 4977) at Candlestick Park to City Park.

APPROVED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:
Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Farrow, Immendorf, Mazzola, Ruiz
Noes: Commissioner Sommer
Absent: Commissioner Rovetti

g. INDIA BASIN PARK
AWARD OF CONTRACT

Approval of award of contract for India Basin Park to Marinship Construction Services, Inc./Ghilotti Brothers Construction, Inc., in the amount of $549,880 for construction of Phase I for India Basin Shoreline Park.

Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold, explained that this item is approval of a construction contract that was competitively bid by the Department of Public Works on the behalf of Recreation and Park Department. The low bid is a contractor that is known to the Department and who has satisfactorily completed Recreation and Park projects.

Vice President Mazzola explained that it was his understanding that the Human Rights Commission and the Department of Public Works seek minority and women businesses, known as MBE/WBE contractors. He asked if this was a MBE/WBE contract and where the firm was located. He was aware that Marinship was based in Marin County and questioned the reasoning to award contracts to firms outside the City. He asked staff to provide the business address for all of the contracts in future reports to the Commission.

Mr. Arnold explained that it was his belief that Marinship Construction Services was a minority business and he did not know where the firm was located. He further explained that the City awards a 5% preference for local businesses.

On motion of Commissioner Chan, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

g. INDIA BASIN PARK
AWARD OF CONTRACT (Continued)

RES. NO. 16966

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the award of contract for India Basin Park to Marinship Construction Services, Inc./Ghilotti Brothers Construction, Inc., in the amount of $549,880 for construction of Phase I for India Basin Shoreline Park.

APPROVED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:
Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Farrow, Immendorf, Ruiz, Sommer
Noes: Commissioner Mazzola
Absent: Commissioner Rovetti

h. MARINA GREEN
PORTSMOUTH SQUARE
PLACEMENT OF PUSH CARTS

Approval of placement of one push cart each at Little Marina Green and Portsmouth Square Plaza.

President Immendorf said he has received inquires from businesses in the Marina and residents regarding push carts. He said only one permit has been issued for a push cart yet there are numerous vendors at the Marina. There was concern raised that the kiosk at the Marina, where food and beverages were previously sold, is now closed. The neighbors are not pleased about having another push cart at the Marina.

Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold, explained that non-licensed vendors are a problem. However, if the Department does not issue a push cart permit it will invite non-licensed vendors to use the area. The proposal is to locate the push cart in the Western end of the Marina Green, although staff could specify that it be placed near the closed kiosk. Mr. Arnold said the kiosk does not meet Fire Code standards and there is a future construction project for the seawall at the Marina, due to take 2-3 years to complete, which may extend the kiosk closure.

President Immendorf asked that the Marina push cart be removed from consideration because of the issues he raised.

On motion of Commissioner Farrow, seconded by Commissioner Sommer, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16966

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the placement of one push at Portsmouth Square and deferred taking action on the push cart at the Little Marina Green.

APPROVED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:
Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Farrow, Immendorf, Mazzola, Ruiz, Sommer
Absent: Commissioner Rovetti

i. GOLDEN GATE PARK
CONSERVATORY EXTENSION OF HOURS

Approval to authorize staff to adjust public hours at the Conservatory of Flowers.

Note for the Record: This item was removed from the Calendar.

k. GOLDEN GATE PARK
de YOUNG MUSEUM
PARKING AREA IMPROVEMENTS

Approval of improvements to parking area adjacent to the de Young Museum in Golden Gate Park.

Note for the Record: This item was removed from the Calendar.

Note for the Record: 2:30 p.m. Commissioner Rovetti arrived at the meeting.

GENERAL CALENDAR

5. GOLDEN GATE PARK
HAIGHT ASHBURY NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (HANC)
RECYCLING CENTER OPERATING PERMIT

Approval of continuation of HANC's recycling operation for one year with two 1-year options retroactive to July 1, 1994.

Assistant General Manager Phil Arnold, explained that the item before the Commission is a permit to operate the Recycling Center which has been at the Kezar corner for 15 years. Since last year, the Center has been operating on a month-to-month permit while staff tried to develop compromise language which has now been agreed to by both HANC and the Department. The terms of the permit would give the Recycling Center a one year permit retroactive to 7/1/94 with 2 annual renewals subject to review and approval by the Commission. The permit fee is $4300 a year which would increase annually with Consumer Price Index. A security deposit, insurance, and a plan of operation are also conditions of the permit.

The Center has agreed to assist the Department in developing a comprehensive recycling plan for Golden Gate Park and is already performing some recycling functions in the park. The Center has agreed to improve its appearance by screening off the Frederick Street exit and also will provide monthly recycling services to McLaren Lodge, the Annex Building and the County Fair Building. The Center has also agreed to perform in-kind services by assisting in volunteer activities and waste handling services. The Center has agreed to adopt the Kezar triangle by providing 2 annual clean-up parties and 2 off-site clean-up dates at other park sites.

Staff informed the Center that if it intends to be located on park property it should focus more of its efforts on Golden Gate Park where it resides and on the immediate neighborhood. There is no termination date of when the Center should be removed from the present site. Staff wanted to meet with the Recycling Center staff to discuss this issue and have the Commission consider it at a later date.

5. GOLDEN GATE PARK
HAIGHT ASHBURY NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (HANC)
RECYCLING CENTER OPERATING PERMIT (Continued)

Robert Haley, representing the San Francisco Recycling Program, said the City's goal is to reduce and recycle 50% of the City's waste by the year 2000. Cities that do not reach this mandate may face a fine of $10,000 per day. The HANC Recycling Center assists the City's recycling program and it actively contributes to the City's goals. HANC assists residents and others who are not served by the City's curbside recycling program. HANC helps educate the public regarding recycling and waste reduction alternatives and is a full service Recycling Center that accepts a range of materials and provides options that complement the efforts of other service providers. The City's Recycling Program supported HANC and urged the Commission to approve the permit.

Terry Rolleri, a native San Francisco and home owner in the Richmond District, said as long as he can remember he has recycled at the HANC Recycling Center. He preferred HANC because it was recycling before it was fashionable or profitable and their goals are to reduce the volume of material being landfilled. He did not put his faith in the City's recycling program. He supported the Recycling Center, transported his recyclable material on a bicycle with a trailer, and enjoyed the ride through the park. If the Commission wanted HANC out of the park then it should work with them to identify another space of a similar size in the immediate area. On a separate issue, he stated that a bicycle rack should be installed at McLaren Lodge in place of the numerous parking places.

Karen Crommie, President of the Cole Valley Improvement Association, commended the Commission for its recommendation to identify the Recycling Center as a non-conforming use in Golden Gate Park. With regard to relocation of the Center, she felt HANC would begin that process when the Commission gives them a cut-off date. Year after year the Recycling Center is given a permit which is unfair to the neighbors who oppose the permit. She strongly suggested the Commission take decisive action by giving the Center a one year permit without possibility of renewal.

Dennis Antenore, representing the Inner Sunset Neighborhood Association and the Sunset Parkside Education and Action Committee, explained that both organizations have voted unanimously to support the continued location of HANC Recycling Center at its present site. Members from both organizations use the Center and find it a convenient and useful addition to the community. He did not understand why there is an issue about relocating it because the site does not lend itself to other significant recreational use. The people who live across the street from the Center have enthusiastically spoken in support of the continued location of the Recycling Center and are the most impacted by the issues relating to noise and traffic from the Center. He said that any action by the Commission which may lead to closing of the center may trigger the need for an environmental impact report.

Joan Downey, appreciated that Commission's action of 9/21/94 calling the Center a non conforming use of Golden Gate Park. The people operating the Center are trying to mitigate the noise and the congestion in the area but it is a large industrial use in the park and little can be done to address these issues. She was concerned that the Center trucked in material to the park and felt that material should be brought to another site. Since curbside recycling began, the Center has been collecting recycled material from commercial establishments, trucking it into the park and using the park as a holding area.

5. GOLDEN GATE PARK
HAIGHT ASHBURY NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (HANC)
RECYCLING CENTER OPERATING PERMIT (Continued)

John Carmona, an operation manager for the Southern Humboldt Recycling Center, voiced his support for the Center. The Recycling Center does more than recycle and the curbside recycling program only transfers goods to create a profit. The Recycling Center sees where the material will go. He felt there was not enough room at the Center and if more space was given to the Center they would be able to keep more items out of landfills, the basic goal of recycling.

Estela Becerra, lives directly across the street from the Recycling Center and while she supported the recycling effort, she thought it was time to consider relocation of the Center. She felt it was an inappropriate use of park land and was happy the Commission adopted non-conforming language on 9/21/94. She felt park land should be used for much needed recreational uses. She felt that there was not a need to have a large industrial business in a residential area. The area is now very congested and dense and the transporting of materials adds to that problem. She urged the Commission to consider relocating the Center.

Sean Streiff, lives 1-1/2 blocks from the Center, and he rarely hears any noise from the Center. He saw very little traffic coming in and out of the Center and the trucks seen are carrying materials from local businesses.

Dorrie Huntington, a resident of San Francisco, lives directly across the street from the Recycling Center and has spoken on this issue on several occasions. She said there is tremendous support for the Recycling Center and at one meeting over 200 people spoke in support of the Center. She felt the Center was an asset to the community and submitted a letter of support from residents of the Parkview Commons Housing Development, who live directly across the street. She urged the Commission to support the continued operation of the Center at its current location.

Kevin Drew, the manager of the HANC Recycling Center, submitted 400 signatures gathered in the last 3 weeks in support of Recycling Center as well as numerous letters. He referred to a letter from the Yoga Center that is located directly across the street, stating that the Center does not have a negative impact on its meditative work, as well as the Stern Grove Festival thanking the Recycling Center for its recycling efforts at the last 4 summer festival events. The HANC Board gives a lot to the Center and to the community. There is overwhelming support for the Center and they work with those who oppose it to to mitigate the issues. He believed there was a way to have the HANC Recycling Center, the neighborhood, the park, and the Recreation and Park Department all succeed. He urged the Commission to support the permit.

Sheila Davis, representing State Senator Milton Marks, said the Senator has patronized the Center for years and supported HANC. She said there is a state mandate to reduce the amount of waste that is sent to landfills and HANC is an important activity for the City. She read Senator Marks' letter of support for the Center to remain in its present location.

5. GOLDEN GATE PARK
HAIGHT ASHBURY NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (HANC)
RECYCLING CENTER OPERATING PERMIT (Continued)

Donna Gouse, member of the Haight Ashbury Neighborhood Council, spoke in support of the Center and asked that it remain at its present location. The Center complements the City's curbside program because there are many residents who prefer to take their recyclables to a community based non-profit organization that is convenient to where they live. Residents have been coming to the Center for many years and there should be more recycling centers that are community based.

Ed Dunn, works at the Recycling Center, and explained that this year the Center negotiated with the Department on issues to minimize the impacts of the Center, to improve the aesthetics of the Center, and to provide more service to the park. Last night at the Commission's special meeting, he was discouraged to hear the Commission change the agreed upon language. He hoped the Commission did not change the permit that took a year to negotiate and urged that the permit be approved. He said the Center plays a positive role for the City, the community, and the park. If the Commission wanted to remove all non conforming uses in the park there are many examples of such uses other than the Recycling Center.

James Beck, lives and work in the Haight Ashbury. He believed that the park needed to take a strong stand on recycling and that it should be part of its mission. HANC provides free recycling to the park and should be considered part of the park operations. Therefore it could be seen as a conforming use. When HANC is being asked to relocate it is calling for the elimination of the Center. The location of the Center does not spare the enjoyment of the natural areas of the park. It is the best use of that space in the park.

Calvin Welch, speaking for the Ecumenical Ministry in the Haight Ashbury, was an original founder of the HANC Recycling Center which began at Grattan School and was part of their educational program. Later they moved to the Kezar parking lot and finally moved to its current location. He reminded the Commission that when the Kezar Corner Master Plan was developed, neighbors and community organizations studied alternate locations and configurations for the Center. It was staff's recommendation, at that time, that the Center remain and 2 environmental reviews have raised no problems with traffic, noise or toxic waste. The Center has continued to exist and perform a neighborhood service. He reminded the Commission that the community pays a price for some of the events held in the park and that everyone needed to work together. This Center is providing the Department and the City more free services than any other single contractor. He said only a handful of neighbors are opposed to the Center. He urged the Commission to grant its continued use at the present location.

Anthony Von der Muhl, chair of the HANC Recycling Committee, said in this time of fiscal crisis, it does not make sense for this Commission to set an arbitrary date for the eviction of the Center which saves the Department money directly, saves City money directly, and is part of the City's plan to prevent the imposition of $10,000 a day fine from the State for failing to meet its recycling goals. It does not make sense to kick the Center out without any notion of what could go in this site. He hoped the Commission would include the community in any discussions about use of this site. The community has spoken in support for 15 years, provided ample letters of support and public testimony. He challenged those who complain about the Center's negative impact to come up with the volume of support shown for the Center. He said it is the best site for this use and the best use of this site.

5. GOLDEN GATE PARK
HAIGHT ASHBURY NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (HANC)
RECYCLING CENTER OPERATING PERMIT (Continued)

Lena Emmery, explained that she has lived in the Haight for the last 30 years and appreciated the strong stand taken by the Commission on 9/21/94 stating the Center is a non-conforming use of the park. She said the Center has been in the park for 14 years and questioned why they did not start recycling programs in the park many years ago if they had a strong mandate to serve the park. She said that recycling is a big business.

Brad Benson, representing the League of Conservation Voters, read a letter from the League expressing its support for the Center, noting that it is an important buyback, drop off and educational resource for the neighborhood and for the City. HANC provides special recycling services and regular collection in Golden Gate Park. The Center performs a clean-up service to the Kezar Stadium area. HANC provides environmental education which raises very important questions about its current status as a non conforming use. These issues deserve further discussion and a lot more consideration prior to any action to remove the Center from its site. Presently there is no available site in the immediate area that can offer similar access and service to the neighborhood of the park. His organization supported HANC's continuing efforts to mitigate noise, to maintain a clean operation and to respond to community's concern. He urged the Commission to support the permit without any unnecessary amendments and maintain the City's largest non-profit community recycling Center. The City landfills 650 tons of garbage every year and removal of the Center will create a bad legacy for Recreation and Park.

Martha Hoffman, a homeowner in the Haight since 1975, lives 1 block from the park and 3 blocks from the Center. She strongly supported the Recycling Center and felt it was an appropriate use at its present site. She joined the HANC Board of Directors and gives a lot of her time to community service. She took time off from work to voice her support for the Center and asked the Commission to approve the permit and the continuation of the Center at its present site.

Charles Canepa, was pleased to hear the Commission's vote of 9/21/94 regarding the Recycling Center. He lives near the Center and did not favor the Center in its current state being on that site. He hoped that the Commission would place some caveats about the Center's operation to limit the material that is brought in.

Mr. Arnold clarified the point that the permit is for one year, annually renewable at the Commission's option. Staff reached an understanding with HANC that they would recommend approval of the Recycling Center remaining at the present site if they satisfied a number of conditions. He further stated that the term "lease" and "permit" have been used when discussing this issue but the item before the Commission is clearly an annual permit.

Commissioner Sommer said she was not opposed to the concept of recycling but she was concerned about the location of the Center. Previous Commission action removed the Goodwill Donation bin at the Marina parking lot even though it yearly raised $30,000+ and employed 10 homeless people a year. No one wanted to remove it but the Commission took that necessary step because it was a non conforming use of park property. That vote set a precedent and the Commission has to be consistent. The Recycling Center must be viewed in the same way. The first issue she voted on as a commissioner was the Recycling Center and there was promises that it was going to be more attractive and less noisy and she has not noticed vast improvements to the appearance.

5. GOLDEN GATE PARK
HAIGHT ASHBURY NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (HANC)
RECYCLING CENTER OPERATING PERMIT (Continued)

Commissioner Sommer said if the park was such a big concern of HANC why is it only now that they are taking a more active role. There can also be a use of that site such as a par course or basketball court. One of the letters of support received was from the Oakland International Airport, Airport Traffic Control Tower. She wondered if the HANC Recycling Center was the closest facility and why did the neighbors have to absorb the impact from Oakland. She noted that very little money comes to the Department from the Center, only $4300 a year, and asked how that figure was developed. She said the Kezar Master Plan was adopted before the Center expanded and that the Center had to expand its program to generate more income to support the many causes and programs it offers and funds.

Commissioner Ruiz said that Commissioner Sommer was correct about inconsistencies such as the Goodwill Donation Station at the Marina Green. He recalled when the Commission considered the issue of the Panhandle being used as a parking lot for a nearby church. The Commission found it to be an inappropriate use of park land. He said the non conforming use issue of the HANC Recycling Center has surfaced again and again and yet no consensus has been reached. Now, the Commission finds the Center non-conforming, yet staff is recommending a 3 year permit. Throughout the years, the Center has promised to take care of issues raised by those who voice their concern about the Center and yet it never ceases. He questioned the sincerity or the willingness of the Center to work with the community. He did not dismiss the value of the Recycling Center but felt it did not belong in the park.

Commissioner Ruiz made a motion to approve a 1 year permit with the understanding that HANC will look for another site. Commissioner Mazzola seconded the motion.

Commissioner Chan said he has been on the Commission as long as Commissioner Ruiz and every year the Commission wrestles with this particular item. The last 2 weeks he has heard a lot about this Center. The Finance and Candlestick Committee recommended approval with the caveat that the permit will be yearly reviewed. He wanted to see a final contract termination date informing HANC to look for an alternate location in a reasonable period of time. He felt more comfortable establishing a date when the Recycling Center should begin to look for a place to relocate.

President Immendorf said that this issue keeps returning to the Commission and although he supported recycling it was becoming apparent that the clock was running on whether or not HANC will be able to stay in the Kezar location forever. He further explained that staff and HANC have spent many months trying to reach agreement and that he would be willing to visit the issue again next year. He felt that HANC now understands that the Commission is expecting HANC to make some effort to find another location.

Commissioner Rovetti said that he has been on the Commission for a year and this issue has been raised frequently. He supported recycling but did not believe it belonged in the park and felt the park should not be used as an industrial site. He agreed with Commissioner Ruiz's motion.

5. GOLDEN GATE PARK
HAIGHT ASHBURY NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (HANC)
RECYCLING CENTER OPERATING PERMIT (Continued)

Mr. Arnold explained that over the past year, the Recycling Center has focused more of its efforts on the park and has done more recycling in Golden Gate Park than in the past. The language adopted by the Commission on 9/21/94, which called their operation a non conforming use, specifies the non-park activities. Staff would like to see the Center reduce its commercial recycling activity. The Center has pledged to perform more volunteer activities for the Department, and to be more park serving than it is today. If the Recycling Center can make this transition and keep recycling on a local level, the Commission may change its view on the Recycling Center. There is a good faith commitment in the permit to perform more park related activities which is not covered by the non conforming use language adopted by the Commission on 9/21/94.

Commissioner Farrow was inclined to approve the permit for one year with 2 one year options because the Commission still had the option to deny renewal of the permit.

Vice President Mazzola explained that he was worried that there would be political pressure on the Commission each year to renew the Recycling Center lease. He did not know how big the operation was at the center, nor the number of employees or volunteers it employed, but if materials were being trucked in to the Center it could be viewed as direct competition to the City's scavenger service (Nor Cal) and considered improper. He questioned the City receiving $360 a month in rent for use of the land and thought the fair market value should be assessed for this land. He felt there should be a final contract termination date and it should be one year. He did not think it was proper for the City to be involved in this kind of business since they are in competition with the City's scavenger service.

In response to Commissioner Ruiz's question asking if a City Attorney's opinion had been sought on this issue, Mr. Arnold said that it was his personal opinion that some of the Center's activities were very compatible to the park and others were not. The items HANC has promised to do in the future will provide a service to the park, would be park serving, and beneficial to the Recreation and Park Department. If the Center becomes park serving, it could be viewed similarly to the Department's maintenance yard.

President Immendorf asked the Commission to consider at least a one year option to be fair. Commissioner Chan said that if the Commission granted a one year permit retroactive to 7/1/94, it would only be giving the Recycling Center a 9 month permit.

Commissioner Ruiz was willing to amend the motion so that it would be a 2 year agreement, retroactive to 7/1/94 provided the Center showed proof that efforts were made to find a new site by an agreed upon date. Commissioner Rovetti was willing to support the amendment provided that 60 days before the end of 1994 HANC would give evidence that they have tried to find a new site. Vice President Mazzola did not support the amendment, however, he was willing to consider an amendment to make the term of the permit 10/1/94 to 10/1/95. Commissioner Ruiz did not accept this amendment.

5. GOLDEN GATE PARK
HAIGHT ASHBURY NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (HANC)
RECYCLING CENTER OPERATING PERMIT (Continued)

The motion to approve a one year permit with no option to renew failed by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Mazzola, Rovetti
Noes: Commissioners Chan, Farrow, Immendorf, Ruiz, Sommer

Commissioner Chan made a motion to grant a permit retroactive 7/1/94 for 2 years ending 6/30/96 with no option to renew. Commissioner Farrow seconded this motion.

Mr. Arnold clarified the point that the renewal provisions in the permit provides that HANC must inform Recreation and Park 120 days before the expiration date of its request to renew; the Commission is required to notify HANC 60 days before the expiration date whether it will renew the permit.

Vice President Mazzola wanted to amend the motion by adding a clause directing staff to seek an opinion from the City Attorney or Real Estate Department analyzing the $360 per month rent and ascertain whether it is a proper charge for the use of City property. If it is not, the rent should then be raised to fair market value. He questioned the legality of approving a permit with such a minimal rent. He did not know of any City property that could be rented for this rate and felt it was his fiduciary responsibility to check if the Commission was acting properly. A discussion ensued regarding this proposed amendment and the time frame it would take to receive an opinion. Commissioner Rovetti said the proper rate should be charged for the land. Commissioner Chan did not agree to this amendment.

On motion of Commissioner Chan, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16968

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves a one year permit to the Haight Ashbury Neighborhood Council Recycling Center retroactive to 7/1/94 with a one year option.

APPROVED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:
Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Farrow, Immendorf, Ruiz
Noes: Commissioner Mazzola, Rovetti, Sommer

Vice President Mazzola made a motion to ask for an opinion from the appropriate City agency asking if the property can be leased for $360 a month and if it should be raised to fair market value. Commissioner Rovetti seconded that motion. Commissioner Chan was concerned that this motion would jeopardize the terms of the permit just approved by the Commission. Mr. Arnold clarified the point that the $360 figure is a permit fee rather than rental fee for park land.

THE MOTION FAILED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:
Ayes: Commissioners Mazzola, Rovetti
Noes: Commissioners Chan, Farrow, Immendorf, Ruiz, Sommer

3:55 p.m. - 4:10 p.m. the Commission recessed. Commissioner Farrow left the meeting.

6. CANDLESTICK PARK
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS
LEASE AMENDMENT

Approval of sixth amendment to stadium lease with San Francisco Giants.

Note for the Record: This item was removed from the Calendar.

7. CANDLESTICK PARK
SCOREBOARD OPERATING AGREEMENT
AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT

Approval of third amendment to Candlestick Park Scoreboard Operating Agreement.

Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold, explained that this item was forwarded to the Commission without recommendation because there were a few items that were unresolved between the Giants and the Department. Those items have now been resolved. The intent of this amendment is to delineate the compensation for operation of the scoreboard. The Giants operate the scoreboard for both baseball and football at Candlestick Park. Sony pays the City $300,000 for operation of the scoreboard and the intent is to have the operating costs not exceed that dollar amount. In preparing this amendment the Giants raised a few other issues which Mr. Arnold explained:

❶ There would be extra payment available to the Giants in an event of a football playoff;

❷ The Giants want the agreement to reflect that Sony is obligated to maintain the scoreboard equipment;

❸ The Giants want a clause that any extraordinary non-operating expenses such as new equipment or equipment replacement which would affect the operation of the scoreboard would be allowed above the $300,000 cost, subject to approval by the Commission.

In response to Commissioner Sommer's questions, Mr. Arnold explained that extraordinary expenses does not include breakage of equipment. The Giants insure the equipment and it is their responsibility to replace it if it is broken. Sony pays for the regular maintenance of the equipment but if additional cameras were required, this amendment would provide for that expenditure. Mr. Arnold recommended approval of the amendment provided the operating costs of the scoreboard do not exceed the $300,000 received from Sony.

On recommendation of Commissioner Chan, seconded by Commissioner Sommer, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16969

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the third amendment to Candlestick Park Scoreboard Operating Agreement.

APPROVED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:
Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Immendorf, Mazzola, Rovetti, Ruiz, Sommer
Absent: Commissioner Farrow

8. CANDLESTICK PARK
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS
SCOREBOARD ADVERTISING AGREEMENT

Approval of Scoreboard Advertising Agreement with the San Francisco Giants.

Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold, explained that this item is an advertising agreement with the Giants affecting the Scoreboard Agreement. The Sony Agreement allows the Giants and the 49ers to sell non-competitive advertising on the jumbotron and matrix boards subject to an agreement with the City. The 49ers signed a scoreboard advertising agreement 2 years ago but the Giants have not. The agreement with the Giants is virtually identical to the one signed by the 49ers with a few changes:

❶ The Giants would be allowed to sell individual advertising up to 1 minute in duration.

❷ Under the 49ers' agreement a script of what will be displayed on the jumbotron matrix board is given to the Department for each game. The Giants have 81 games and feel presenting a script for each of those games would be burdensome. They have agreed to keep a log of all advertising that will be subject to inspection by the City at any time.

Commissioner Sommer asked if there was any restriction on advertising such as tobacco advertising and if there were any parameters on defining the term "non competitive". Mr. Arnold explained that Sony has exclusive rights to the advertising panels at Candlestick Park and competitive advertising is prohibited. He further explained that the Commission has separately adopted a policy that restricts tobacco advertising at Candlestick Park. The Commission could adopt a policy restricting other items to be incorporated into this agreement.

Jack Bair, representing the Giants, said that it would be better to have the Commission separately address what items are considered appropriate for advertising on the jumbotron that would apply to both teams at Candlestick Park.

On motion of Commissioner Sommer, seconded by Commissioner Chan, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16970

RESOLVED, That this Commission approve the Scoreboard Advertising Agreement with the San Francisco Giants. with the understanding that all advertising will conform to policies established by the Commission and the Board of Supervisors.

APPROVED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:
Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Immendorf, Mazzola, Rovetti, Ruiz, Sommer
Absent: Commissioner Farrow

9. CANDLESTICK PARK
LUXURY SUITES FOOD & BEVERAGE PRICES

Ratification of food and beverage menu and pricing for the luxury suites at Candlestick Park for the 1994 football season.

9. CANDLESTICK PARK
LUXURY SUITES FOOD & BEVERAGE PRICES (Continued)

Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold, explained that the menu for football in the luxury suites is different from the menu offered for baseball. This year the caterer experimented with some new items and new pricing. Mr. Arnold recommended that the Commission ratify the menu as it has been in place for the 1994 football season. Staff has not received criticism about the items. He noted that the items are pricey but traditionally the market fixes the pricing.

In response to Commissioner Sommer's comment that there is no comparison of prices, Mr. Arnold explained that so many of the items have changed that it is difficult to give a comparison of prices. She felt the prices for beer were quite high and although one can bring their own food into the suites, it is not permissible to bring in your own beer.

Vice President Mazzola said he wanted to make the same observation that he previously made for the MVP prices charged during baseball season whereby a 15% service charge is assessed but is not considered a gratuity. The Commission asked the baseball concessionaire to change the language stating that the service fee is not a gratuity. He wanted the same language to be incorporated into the luxury suite menu. Mr. Arnold said he will contact Butler Catering to find out if the servers receive a 15% tip as a gratuity.

On motion of Commissioner Mazzola, seconded by Commissioner Ruiz, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16971

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies the food and beverage menu and pricing for the luxury suites at Candlestick Park for the 1994 football season with the request that staff research the issue of the 15% gratuity. If Butler Catering does not give the gratuity to its employee, language will be added to the menu clarifying that the 15% gratuity is a service charge rather than a tip for the server.

APPROVED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:
Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Immendorf, Mazzola, Rovetti, Ruiz,
Noes: Commissioner Sommer
Absent: Commissioner Farrow

10. UNION SQUARE
PROHIBITION OF SKATEBOARDING

Approval to prohibit skateboarding in Union Square.

Assistant Superintendent of Neighborhood Parks, Mike Morlin, explained that this item is being considered at the request of the Police Department , the Union Square Association. and other citizens who have complained about the skateboarding activity at Union Square. Staff reviewed the situation and has witnessed wear and tear and damage occurring at Union Square from skateboarding. Park benches are moved around and used as obstacles as part of the skateboarding activity and the granite is chipped in many places and worn from skateboarders riding along the curb edge of the granite. The pedestrian traffic in Union Square does not mix with skateboarding activities and he felt skateboarding was not a proper use of this downtown Center plaza. Therefore he recommended that signage be posted prohibiting skateboarding at union Square.

10. UNION SQUARE
PROHIBITION OF SKATEBOARDING (Continued)

Commissioner Sommer said that this item was considered at the Committee level and there was testimony that there is no place for kids to skateboard. She felt it would be wise to look at other areas for skateboarders to legally skate and explained that the Parks and Planning Committee urged staff to consider finding other locations for skateboarding activity.

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Ruiz, seconded by Commissioner Chan, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16972

RESOLVED, That this Commission prohibits skateboarding in Union Square and directs staff to place appropriate signage in the Square.

APPROVED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:
Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Immendorf, Mazzola, Rovetti, Ruiz, Sommer
Absent: Commissioner Farrow

Note for the Record: 5:00 p.m.-5:05 p.m. President Immendorf left the meeting room.

11. MARGARET HAYWARD PLAYGROUND
EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER

Approval of plan to relocate the Emergency Operations Center at Margaret Hayward Playground and to stage construction on Recreation and Park Department property.

Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold, explained that the City's Emergency Operation Center located at Margaret Hayward Playground is slated to be rebuilt. Mr. Arnold displayed a drawing of the existing Operations Center and playground which offers 2 clubhouses, 2 tennis courts, 2 basketball courts, 1 volleyball court, a children's playground, a grassy area, and 2 baseball fields located at Lang Field. The proposal is to move the Operations Center to the site of the basketball courts and to demolish the current Operations Center. The Charter gives the Board of Supervisors the authority to locate the Emergency Operations Center on park property in Jefferson Square and the Commission may not overrule this decision. The question before the Commission is what accommodations does Recreation and Park want for the inconvenience of using park property as a staging area during construction and for the basketball/tennis courts that will be displaced because of construction of the New Emergency Operations Center.

Mr. Arnold said at the Committee level many options were discussed including relocating the basketball and tennis courts to the grassy field, staging construction on the site of the tennis courts and, upon completion of the building, restoring the tennis courts to their original site, relocating the basketball courts and renovating the grassy field. Another option considered was to stage the construction on Turk Street and relocate the basketball courts on Turk Street. The Department of Parking and Traffic opposes closure of Turk Street. A recommendation for this project needed to be forwarded to the Office of Environmental Review of the City Planning Department, because it will consider a variety of sites for staging construction and relocation of the courts. Staff requested that the Commission ask City Planning to consider these alternate locations so that a final decision can be made at a future time.

11. MARGARET HAYWARD PLAYGROUND
EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER (Continued)

The office of the Chief Administrative Officer has been very responsive to the community about this issue and a meeting is scheduled 10/5/94 with the neighborhood to discuss the environmental review process.

In response to Commissioner Sommer's question, Mr. Arnold said the Department of Parking and Traffic would consider closing the parking lanes on Turk Street but not the entire street to vehicular traffic.

Billy Jeffrey, representing the tennis players at this playground, informed the Commission that he and others who play regularly wanted to be assured that they will not lose access to a tennis court for the 3 year construction period. There presently are 2 good tennis courts at the playground and he wanted access to a tennis court in the area during the construction program.

On recommendation of Commissioner Sommer, seconded by Commissioner Ruiz, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16973

RESOLVED, That this Commission request the Office of Environmental Review, City Planning Department, to include in its review of this Emergency Operations Center project the following alternate sites for construction and relocation of basketball courts: the parking lanes on Turk Street between Gough and Laguna for construction staging; the southwest corner of Jefferson Square Park for temporary location of the basketball courts; and an off-site school location for the temporary location of the basketball courts.

APPROVED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:
Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Mazzola, Rovetti, Ruiz, Sommer
Absent: Commissioner Farrow, Immendorf

12. NOE-BEAVER MINI PARK
FENCING PLAN

Approval to install a gated fence at Noe-Beaver Mini Park.

Assistant Superintendent of Neighborhood Parks, Mike Morlin, explained that Noe-Beaver Mini Park is a park where the social problems have exceeded the City's ability to address problems within the park. Recreation and Park wants to be good neighbor to the community, to make better use of the park, and to abate some of the problems that have been occurring in the park. The proposal is to fence the Noe-Beaver Mini Park. There is presently a very low fence along Beaver Street. At least 2 to 3 people live in the park every night and create quite a disturbance. Staff proposed installation of a sturdy 5' wood fence with wide spaces so there would be visibility into the park. The park would be closed across Noe Street with a lockable gate. The proposal is to remove the benches, tables, and park furniture and to place planting beds for a community garden.

President Immendorf said he recently visited Boeddeker Park where there is a fairly high fence, and people were still sleeping in the park. He noted that the drawing showed trash containers along the fence which would make access very easy. He wondered if the fence should be higher.

12. NOE-BEAVER MINI PARK
FENCING PLAN (Continued)

Mr. Morlin said the trash receptacles would be inside the park except for the day of garbage pick up. He was concerned about raising the height of the fence because the park is located on a small corner lot and raising the fence height might make it appear out of proportion to the size of the park.

Len Brown, lives near the park and said the vast majority of people that use the park are dealing and using drugs. He wanted to try the fencing plan as a first step to resolve the problem.

William Schweitzer, said that he has a shop next to the park and has seen the park from the day it opened. Presently, the park is not a place where people from the community can gather as they did in the past, nor is it a place for children. The tables and benches are used as beds and the community would like to see things changed. The elimination of the benches and installation of a fence would keep people out of the park who are there to drink and do drugs. He submitted a petition from the merchants in support of this proposal.

Mara Feeney, lives near the Noe-Beaver Mini Park and is an active member of the Duboce Triangle Neighborhood Association. She explained that she has worked with the Department trying to find solutions short of fencing. She initially viewed the fence as a drastic step but now supported it. She was tired of finding hypodermic needles in her driveway and having a park that could not be used by the community. She asked if the Department would furnish some paint to the community to paint over graffiti on the park fence.

Brian Christianson, representing the Duboce Triangle Neighborhood Group, which represents 3000 homeowners in the area surrounding the park, explained that they have been working over the last 6-7 years on this issue. He said the neighborhood has deteriorated and they attribute the park atmosphere to contribute to the cause of the deterioration. His group fully supported the proposed plan before the Commission and said that homeowners who have put their house for sale cite the condition of the park as their number one reason.

David C. Neil, a resident of Beaver Street for the last 16 years, said he has seen the corner of Noe Beaver go from a rather unattractive parking lot to a very attractive lot. For the first years the mini park was enjoyed by the community but in the last 6-7 years it has deteriorated. He passes by the park many times during the day and it is constantly occupied by 7 or 8 shopping carts with 3 to 10 people sleeping. The community has explored alternate proposals and the situation has only worsened. He urged approval of this proposal.

Margaret Wosser, lived on Noe Street for many years, and said the park was wonderful at first but it has now deteriorated. The neighborhood could work in the community garden in the park and it would limit some of the people living in the park.

Ruth Jenkins, a resident in the area and a member of the Life Center Board, explained that she used to occasionally go into the Noe-Beaver Park but now it is uncomfortable to do so. She thought it could be made into a nice garden again.

12. NOE-BEAVER MINI PARK
FENCING PLAN (Continued)

Oscar DaSilva, has not lived in the area very long but certain people hide in the park and use it as a bathroom. He cannot keep his windows open because of the fighting that occurs in the park.

Cade Morrow, fully supported the proposal for the fence and removal of benches for the park. He owns a house next to the park and asked the Commission to place themselves in the position of the homeowners. The community has worked hard to live in this very fine neighborhood and what is happening to the park has literally ripped at the fabric of their dreams. The illegal drug activity, the use of the park as a toilet, the intimidation of being threatened with violence if one tries to use the park, and the disruption at night, has created such a hardship on the community. He felt it was a wonderful proposal to have a neighborhood garden that will grow flowers and vegetables that will be used for the hospices in the neighborhood. The neighbors can play an active part in the garden. He urged approval of the plan.

Tim Wells, representing his wife and 2 children who have a house around the corner from the park, said he and his wife decided to raise their children in this neighborhood so that the kids could be involved in the life of the community that surrounds that park. At present the park cannot be used by children at all. The garden will allow his family to volunteer and work with community. He supported the plan and urged the Commission to do so.

Commissioner Rovetti supported the proposal and suggested that this issue is one of public safety. He wanted a park police unit set up that will guard the City's parks. He felt the Commission should urge the Mayor and Police Department to set up a police force that patrols parks and arrest and prosecute those who violate the law.

In response to Commissioner Chan's question, Mr. Morlin explained that this is one of the parks that is closed in the evening but the people are there during the day. At night when the police are called the people disperse and then return to the park as soon as the police is gone.

Superintendent of Parks Ron de Leon, said the fence at Boeddeker Park is substantial. He did not know of any fence that will keep people out if someone really wants to get in. This proposal, along with the signage informing the public that the park is closed at night, will go a long way to alleviate the problem. He said a combination of efforts needed to be implemented to resolve this issue.

A discussion ensued regarding the height and design of the fence and issues pertaining to the cost of the fence. The Commission directed staff to work with the community on the proposed fencing design.

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Sommer, seconded by Commissioner Chan, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16974

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the installation of a gated fence at Noe-Beaver Mini Park.

APPROVED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:
Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Immendorf, Mazzola, Rovetti, Ruiz, Sommer
Absent: Commissioner Farrow

13. TWIN PEAKS
NATIVE PLANT GARDEN

Approval of proposed native plant garden and circulation path at Twin Peaks.

Park Planner, Joanne Wilson, explained that this proposal is for a native plant garden and circulation path at Twin Peaks. The proposed 12,500 square feet garden would be near the southern peak of Twin Peaks. Currently the area is used as an informal parking lot and and is unsightly due to garbage and asphalt that has been dumped on the site. The proposal is to restore the habitat at Twin Peaks by providing a demonstration garden for native plants. The planting scheme shows a circulation path throughout the garden and disabled access improvements. There would be a guard rail made out of wood and metal, with some educational signage including discussion of the mission blue butterfly and the native bunch grasses that grow on Twin Peaks. At Commissioner Sommer's suggestion, staff will consult with the Traffic Engineer about parking issues. The estimated cost is $41,575 from the Gift Fund.

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning Committee and on motion of Commissioner Chan, seconded by Commissioner Rovetti, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16975

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the proposed native plant garden and circulation path at Twin Peaks.

APPROVED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:
Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Mazzola, Rovetti, Ruiz, Sommer
Absent: Commissioner Immendorf, Farrow

Note for the Record: 5:22 p.m.-5:27 p.m. President Immendorf left the meeting room.

14. McKINLEY SQUARE
DISABLED ACCESS RAMP

Approval of proposed disabled access ramp at McKinley Square.

Park Planner, Joanne Wilson, explained that this item is a proposal to place an access ramp at McKinley Square. McKinley Square will be renovated in phases and staff is working closely with the neighborhood. The priorities are renovation of the children's play area, circulation pathways, improvement of irrigation system, an improved dog run, and more landscaping and amenities. McKinley Square is surrounded by a retaining wall and there is no access for someone who is disabled. Before any of the improvements are made disabled access must be addressed. She displayed a drawing that showed a disabled access ramp to McKinley Square with a railing and disabled parking space. The ramp would still leave enough room for mowing equipment. The estimated cost of this project is $50,000.

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning Committee and on motion of Commissioner Sommer, seconded by Commissioner Mazzola, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16976

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the proposed disabled access ramp at McKinley Square.

APPROVED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:
Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Mazzola, Rovetti, Ruiz, Sommer
Absent: Commissioners Immendorf, Farrow

15. GOLDEN GATE PARK
GOLDEN GATE PARK TENNIS BID PROPOSALS

Rejection of all bids received for the Golden Gate Park Tennis Courts.

Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold, explained that at the Committee level staff recommended that the bids received for the tennis courts be rejected because they did not meet the minimum requirements that were specified in the bid. One of the bidders, Humberto Diaz, who bid on the instructional component, stated that, strictly speaking, the bid package did not say you would be disqualified if you bid below the minimum. Mr. Diaz's bid would give the Department substantially more revenue than what it currently receives from the present concessionaire.

Based on this testimony and discussion at the Committee level, staff was asked to review the bid package. The bid package does not specifically state that if you bid below the minimum it will result in an automatic rejection of the bid. Staff was prepared to recommend to the Commission that it accept the bids received even though they were below the minimum requirement because they provided more revenue than the Department currently receives. However, since that time, 2 individuals have written to the Commission stating that if they knew they could have bid below the minimum they would have done so. There are also conflicting allegations that one of the Department's property managers, who is no longer with the Department, informed Mr. Diaz that it was okay to bid below the minimum. Therefore, this matter is a policy issue for the Commission.

Winston Lum, explained that he was interested in bidding for Golden Gate Park but did not think the Department's minimum bid was economical.

Brian Theberge, a tennis pro at Golden Gate Park, said if the Commission considered bids that were below the minimum requirement it would be unfair to him, to other professional tennis instructors, and to the public. He asked the Commission to reject all bids and renew the bid process.

Humberto Diaz, said everyone had the opportunity to examine the request for proposal for the Golden Gate Park Tennis Courts and everyone read it. The bid package does not state that there was a minimum bid requirement nor does it state that there is a minimum acceptable bid. He was the only one that came forward and bid on the package hoping that it would be accepted. Everyone else has had the same opportunity and his bid will give the Department more revenue than the current concessionaire.

Mr. Arnold said that it was his recollection that there was a discussion about minimum bids when the bids were presented. However, the bid document does not say one will be automatically disqualified if the bid is below the minimum. The front of the bid document specifically gives the Commission the right to reject any and all bids.

In response to Vice President Mazzola's question, Mr. Arnold explained that the tennis court concession could be rebid by October or November of this year and the current concessionaire has been operating on a month-to-month agreement for 3 years. Mr. Arnold said that this bid is for one year. The exact terms and conditions of the bid would have to be negotiated but it is fair to assume that the Department would realize about $20,000 a year in revenue; currently the Department receives $7,000.

15. GOLDEN GATE PARK
GOLDEN GATE PARK TENNIS BID PROPOSALS (Continued)

Vice President Mazzola made a motion to reject the bids and put the issue out to bid again; Commissioner Sommer seconded this motion.

The motion failed to pass by the following vote:
AYES: Commissioner Mazzola, Rovetti
NOES: Commissioners Chan, Immendorf, Ruiz, Sommer
ABSENT: Commissioner Farrow

On motion of Commissioner Sommer, seconded by Commissioner Ruiz, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16977

RESOLVED, This Commission directs staff to negotiate with Humberto Diaz for tennis instruction and Winston Lum for tennis racquet stringing at the Golden Gate Park Tennis Courts and to immediately initiate another request for proposal for the Golden Gate Park Tennis Courts.

APPROVED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:
Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Immendorf, Ruiz, Sommer
Noes: Commissioners Mazzola, Rovetti
Absent: Commissioner Farrow

16. GOLF COURSES
AUTOMATED GOLF REGISTRATION BID AWARD

Approval of award of golf reservations system contract.

Budget Officer, Garrett Furuichi, presented the award of the automated golf registration bid to be tested at Harding Park (including Fleming) for a three month trial period and then to be implemented for all the Department's golf courses (Lincoln, Sharp and Golden Gate Park). The successful bidder is Fairway Systems, the largest golf software producer in the country. They have installed golf systems at many municipal courses and have a great deal of experience. The system will solve quite a few problems that have occurred in the past. The selection committee included a senior purchaser, the Department's Director of Information Systems, the Golf Director, the head pro at Harding Golf Course, and himself. There were 4 bids and each were scored independently. Fairway Systems received the highest score. A written protest was filed by XRS Technologies, one of the bidders, who was disqualified because the bid was non responsive.

In response to Vice President Mazzola's question, Mr. Furuichi said a brochure has been prepared to be distributed to golfers about the new golf reservations system. In addition, the Department will take a one quarter page ad in the Examiner to inform the public of this new program.

On recommendation of the Finance and Candlestick Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Sommer, seconded by Commissioner Rovetti, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16978

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the award of golf reservations system to Fairway Systems.

16. GOLF COURSES
AUTOMATED GOLF REGISTRATION BID AWARD (Continued)

APPROVED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:
Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Immendorf, Mazzola, Rovetti, Ruiz, Sommer
Absent: Commissioner Farrow

Note for the Record: 5:35 p.m.-5:40 p.m. President Immendorf left the meeting room.

17. GOLDEN GATE PARK
CONSERVATORY FOUNDATION BUDGET

Approval of the Conservatory Foundation 1994-95 budget.

Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold, explained that the Commission must approve the budget for the Conservatory Foundation. The Foundation has two separate funds and one of the funds, the unrestricted fund, is not subject to approval by the Commission. The other fund, the restricted fund, has been reviewed by the Park Division staff and the Director of the Conservatory. The budget shows a deficit in the restricted fund. However, the Foundation plans to use monies from its restricted fund balances in prior years to balance the budget.

Commissioner Sommer was interested in how the unrestricted funds were used.

Douglas Thompson, representing the Conservatory Foundation said they did not have a budget for the unrestricted funds but he hoped to in the future. He explained that the Foundation used the funds for bench replacement at the Conservatory. He said he would be happy to furnish a copy of the Foundation's audited financial statements to Commissioner Sommer and said the money will be used for the Conservatory.

On recommendation of the Finance and Candlestick Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Sommer, seconded by Commissioner Rovetti, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16979

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the Conservatory Foundation 1994-95 budget.

APPROVED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE
Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Immendorf, Mazzola, Rovetti, Ruiz, Sommer
Absent: Commissioner Farrow

18. MARTIN LUTHER KING POOL
SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION

Approval of Supplemental Appropriation Request in the amount of $200,000 for additional hours of operation and fee reductions at Martin Luther King Pool.

Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold, explained that the Board of Supervisors adopted a resolution urging the Recreation and Park Commission to open King Pool seven days a week and to make it free for children 15 years and under. This program is not part of the Aquatics Division budget. Staff informed the Mayor's Office that the Department did not have the funding to offer this service and that it planned to open the pool only during the summer as it did last year. Staff has estimated the cost of this proposal to be $200,000 and is requesting the Commission approve submission of a Supplemental Appropriation Request to be sent to the Mayor's Office.

18. MARTIN LUTHER KING POOL
SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION (Continued)

Commissioner Rovetti said he attended a community meeting in the Bayview and discussed this issue with the community. He told his fellow commissioners to urge the Mayor to seek the necessary funding. He said there were many single parents who took their children to this pool.

Ron Chism, the pool manager at King and Coffman Pools, referenced the community meeting attended by Commissioner Rovetti. The community was concerned about turf issues at Coffman Pool and King Pool and the need to have a safe place for children. He said the community was led to believe that the pool was closed last fall due to an unsafe roof and that it was re-opened in an unsafe condition. He wanted to know the timetable for repair of the roof at King Pool and if there will be hours set aside for children to use the pool.

Mr. Arnold explained that King Pool was closed last Fall as a budgetary item not because of its roof. It was a policy decision made by the Recreation and Park Commission. The policy decision was based on budgetary constraints and staff's recommendation that based on low attendance at King Pool during the school year. Coffman Pool had low attendance as well but was used by Wilson High School. King Pool was not closed because of the roof. However, there is a roof, ventilation and heating problem at King Pool and there is now a funded capital project to renovate the pool roof. He estimated it would take at least 6 months before the Department of Public Works would begin the preliminary work on this project.

General Manager, Mary E. Burns, said there is extensive dry rot in the roof, and the Superintendent for Structural Maintenance, Jim Lucey, made some temporary repairs to the roof before it was reopened for the summer.

On recommendation of the Finance and Candlestick Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Ruiz, seconded by Commissioner Rovetti, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16980

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the Supplemental Appropriation Request in the amount of $200,000 for additional hours of operation and fee reductions at Martin Luther King Pool, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That a letter shall be sent to the Bayview Committee explaining the projected schedule for the roof project at Martin Luther King Pool.

APPROVED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:
Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Immendorf, Mazzola, Rovetti, Ruiz, Sommer
Absent: Commissioner Farrow

19. MARINA YACHT HARBOR
AWARD OF CONTRACT

Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold, explained that this item is ratification of a contract for dredging that is now half completed. Staff recommended that the Commission ratify this contract and explained the Department is saving almost $30,000 on the contract.

Emeric Kalman, said that the dredging work is not complete because a piece of dredging equipment broke. He said the Commission promised that a 5 year dredging program would be presented and it has not been done. In 1993 the General Manager promised a dredging program and has not presented one. He was outraged that the dredging work began before the Commission approved the contract. He asked how a contract could be approved when the public was not allowed to comment on it and why was the contract veiled in secrecy. He said the dredging work being done is a waste of money and estimated it wasted $100,000.

In response to Vice President Mazzola's question, Mr. Arnold said staff negotiated with the contractor to complete the project in 3-4 weeks. Dutra planned to work 24 hours a day because it was quicker and cheaper. A crane broke and Mr. Arnold assumed that the project would be completed in the required contract time period. The channel was dredged because of the upcoming Big Boat Series at the Marina Yacht Harbor held on September 15-18,1994.

On recommendation of the Finance and Candlestick Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Sommer, seconded by Commissioner Ruiz, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16981

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies the award of contract in the amount of $207,100 to Dutra Construction, Inc. for dredging at Marina Yacht Harbor.

APPROVED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:
Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Immendorf, Mazzola, Rovetti, Ruiz, Sommer
Absent: Commissioner Farrow

20. SETTLEMENT OF CLAIM

On recommendation of the Finance and Candlestick Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Chan, seconded by Commissioner Mazzola, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16982

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the proposed settlement of the litigated claim of GEICO in the amount of $11,038.83.

APPROVED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:
Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Immendorf, Mazzola, Rovetti, Ruiz, Sommer
Absent: Commissioner Farrow

21. PUBLIC COMMENT

At this time members of the public may address the Commission on items that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Recreation and Park Commission. Members of the public may address the Commission for up to three minutes. The President or the Commission may limit the total testimony to 30 minutes.

Note for the Record: No Public Comment was received.

22. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Note for the Record: The President did not submit a President's Report.

23. COMMISSION COMMITTEE REPORTS

The following Commission Committee reports were submitted for the record:

- Joint Zoo Committee meeting of July 6, 1994
- Finance and Candlestick Committee Meeting of September 8, 1994
- Parks and Planning Committee meeting of September 13, 1994

24. ADJOURNMENT

- On motion of Commissioner Chan, the meeting was adjourned in memory of Frank Foehr, former Superintendent of Parks, who recently passed away.

There being no further business, the 696th Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shauna Marie Rose
Commission Secretary

Note: These minutes set forth all actions taken by the Recreation and Park Commission on matters stated, but not necessarily the chronological order in which the matters were taken up.

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RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION

MINUTES

697TH REGULAR MEETING

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20, 1994 - 2:00 P.M.

The Six Hundred Ninety Seventh Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Thursday, October 20, 1994 at 2:00 p.m. by President Jack Immendorf.

1. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioner Jack Immendorf, President
Commissioner Sidney Chan
Commissioner Bella Farrow
Commissioner Vincent J. Rovetti
Commissioner Santiago Ruiz
Absent Commissioner Larry Mazzola, Vice President
Commissioner Sue Sommer

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Commissioner Rovetti, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the minutes of the Special Meeting of September 21, 1994 regarding the Golden Gate Park Master Plan, and the Regular Meeting of September 22, 1994, were approved as presented.

APPROVED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:
Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Farrow, Immendorf, Rovetti, Ruiz
Absent: Commissioners Mazzola, Sommer

3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

General Manager, Mary E. Burns, submitted the following report:

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION: As part of the Department's ongoing Employee Recognition Program, the Park Division has nominated George Pangan, Iron Worker with the Structural Maintenance Division. He is recognized for his efficiency and conscientiousness and as a valuable member of the Maintenance Yard team. James Lucey, Assistant Superintendent of Parks, Structural Maintenance Division, will make the presentation.

3. **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)**

MISSION DRIVEN BUDGET: The Recreation and Park Department has been selected as one of the departments to participate in the City's new mission-driven budget system for the 1995-96 budget. This new budget system will focus on service goals and outcomes rather than on line-item expenditures. Participation in this new budget system will require a restructuring of the department's existing programs and the development of specific goals, objectives, achievements and costs for each program. All City departments will be included in this new budget system at the end of a three-year phase-in period prescribed in the Charter.

CANDLESTICK PARK CUSTODIAL SERVICES CONTRACT: On October 3, the custodial contractor at Candlestick Park filed for bankruptcy. The contractor had failed to pay some of his employees for previous games and unpaid workers were coming to the stadium offices seeking payment. The City was current on all invoices submitted by the contractor. The union sought a strike sanction against the contractor and conducted informational picketing at the stadium during the second week of October. Department staff worked with the City Attorney to develop a work schedule for the contractor to complete the cleaning of the stadium from the football game on October 2. The schedule was provided to the contractor on October 11. By the end of the day on October 13, the contractor had not met the requirements of the schedule for either October 12 or October 13. Therefore, the contractor was notified that a replacement contractor would be used for the football game on October 23. Custodial services for the balance of the football season will be provided pursuant to bids by the City Purchaser.

DRUG/ALCOHOL TESTING FOR EMPLOYEES: The U.S. Department of Transportation has issued its final regulations implementing the Omnibus Transportation Employee Testing Act of 1991. These regulations go into effect January 1, 1995, for agencies with 50 or more covered employees. Mandatory drug and alcohol testing will be required for every employee who is required to hold a commercial driver's license to operate a vehicle. Some of the classifications that could be affected in this Department are truck driver, tree topper, heavy equipment operator and stationary engineer and recreation directors who drive vans. No federal funding will be provided for this program, and agencies who fail to comply may be subject to fines and civil penalties, and recipients of federal transit funds may risk losing their funding. A city-wide task force has been established to recommend procedures for implementing these regulations. Our Department is represented on this task force, and you will be kept informed on any significant development.

SAN FRANCISCO BAY GUARDIAN ARTICLE: In its October 19, 1994 edition, The San Francisco Bay Guardian featured two stories on the Recreation and Park Department. Featured on the front page was the headline: "Selling the zoo for $1 has cost San Francisco millions. Is Golden Gate Park next? A case study in the perils of privatization." Both articles are extremely critical of the Department's efforts to minimize the effects of declining tax dollars by soliciting more support from the private sector. A copy of the articles is at your places.

3. **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)**

SUPERVISOR ANNEMARIE CONROY'S TASK FORCE ON LAKES AND PONDS: On October 11, the Economic Vitality and Social Policy Committee of the Board of Supervisors calendared a hearing to consider the health and environmental quality of the City's lakes and ponds. At this hearing, Supervisor Annemarie Conroy proposed the convening of a Task Force to ensure the health and environmental integrity of the City's lakes and ponds. The Task Force will be headed by Mr. Ben Gale, Director for the Bureau of Environmental Health Services, and will be comprised of representatives from the Recreation and Park Department, other appropriate City departments with experts in the field of lake and pond management and possibly representatives from some community organizations.

COMPLETED CAPITAL PROJECT (TENNIS COURT RESURFACING): Twelve of the Golden Gate Park tennis courts were resurfaced during the last weeks of September and first week of October. This resurfacing was completed as part of the Department's preventive maintenance program which will be extended to the neighborhood park tennis courts over the next several years.

CAMP MATHER: The 1994 Camp Mather season generated a total of $1,031,590 from reservations ($919,944) and concessions ($111,646). This is an increase over the 1993 season, which generated $929,285 ($831,920 from reservations and $97,365 from concessions). The 1994 season occupancy rate for cabins and tents was at 96% with 4,277 guests, up 3% from last year when the camp served 4,248 campers. Overall, with the number of camping days and available beds the same for both years, the 1994 season generated more revenue and accommodated almost the same number of guests. Attached is the Camp Mather Reservation and Statistical Report for 1994.

CONSERVATORY OF FLOWERS: Department staff members have been working with the Conservatory Foundation in planning a fundraising campaign to restore the Conservatory of Flowers. The Conservatory is Golden Gate Park's oldest existing structure and an important example of Victorian architecture which houses an important collection of rare plants. It is estimated that restoration costs may exceed $12 million. As a kick off for the ten-year fundraising project, the Conservatory Foundation, Western Addition Society, San Francisco Garden Club and California Historical Society have planned a Victorian Midwinter Ball in the Sheraton Palace's historic Garden Court on November 25. A packet with more information about these activities is at your places.

INCIDENT AT OCEAN VIEW PLAYGROUND: An unfortunate incident occurred at Ocean View Playground on October 16. During a Department sponsored event, a fight erupted among approximately 10 individuals. The police were called and order was restored in about 15 minutes. The event was very successful to that point and featured local speakers and entertainers as part of a positive image workshop. The irony of the situation is that the troublemakers were not from the community and the event was marred unnecessarily. Staff is now working on contingency plans so future events will not be affected by such outside influences.

3. **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)**

REGGAE FESTIVAL AT SHARON MEADOW: The fifth annual Reggae Festival was held at Sharon Meadow on October 15 and 16. Attendance was estimated at 12,000 people for both days. There were no major incidents this year as the extra security and police presence seemed to have a positive effect. The damage report, although not complete, indicates minimal damage to turf and the surrounding area. The greatest impact was on the area near the stage where the most activity occurred. Park staff feels that with appropriate maintenance these areas will renew themselves. The report will be complete with the tests of the irrigation system, which are planned for Friday. Staff will meet next week to evaluate the event and the effectiveness of the preventive procedures that were instituted.

TAI CHI/TENNIS AT PARKSIDE SQUARE: A compromise has been reached in the ongoing dispute between the tennis players and the individuals in the Parkside area who wish to perform their tai chi exercises on the tennis courts. Subsequent to a meeting between the representatives of both groups mediated by Recreation Staff, the following compromise was reached. Court #4, which has been used by the patrons of the tai chi exercise class in the past, will be reserved from 7:00 to 9:00 a.m., Monday through Friday only. On Saturdays and Sundays, the courts will be used exclusively for tennis all day, and the exercisers will use the grass area near the tennis courts. Signs are now in place to notify everyone of this new policy. The signs will be removed from the basketball court, which was originally suggested as a possible location for the exercise group.

HALLOWEEN ACTIVITIES: At your places is a listing of the various Halloween parties and activities scheduled at our recreation centers. If you have time, you should try to visit the haunted houses at Mission Recreation Center, Upper Noe Recreation Center and Hamilton Teen Center.

SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS: The following claims, under $5,000, were settled by the City Attorney's Office during the month of September 1994:

Spencer, Melissa	$3,500.00	Dale, Jacqueline	224.45
Smith, Rozella	658.00	Wicker, Gilles	639.65
Ding, Hui Jin	406.93	Swartzburg, Marian	569.56
McNabola, Noel	277.19	Petrini, Pete	301.81
Yesson, Raymond	160.00	Wong, Harvey	2,032.40
Pecho, Eduard Cisne	445.00	Horton, Frank	2,500.00

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Friday, October 21, 1994	Installation of Tokugawa Stone Lantern in the Moon-viewing Garden; 11:00 a.m.; Strybing Arboretum and Botanical Gardens
Saturday, October 22, 1994	Open Space Bus Tour; 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.; meet at McLaren Lodge

3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)

Friday, October 28, 1994	Dedication of Matthew Boxer Stadium; 3:00 p.m.; Balboa Park, San Jose Avenue & Sgt. John V. Young Street
Tuesday, November 1, 1994	Parks and Planning Committee; 4:00 p.m.; McLaren Lodge
Wednesday, November 2, 1994	Joint Zoo Committee; 4:30 p.m. tour, 5:00 p.m. meeting; Education Classroom, San Francisco Zoo
Thursday, November 3, 1994	Finance and Candlestick Committee; 3:00 p.m.; McLaren Lodge
Friday, November 11, 1994	Veterans Day Holiday

In response to Commissioner Rovetti's questions concerning the situation at Candlestick Park, Ms. Burns said that the Department had known for a few weeks that there were some problems with compliance. Staff has been in contact with the City Attorney's Office and the Purchasing Department to try to resolve the problems with the contractor before terminating his contract. An informational picket was set up because some of the things put in place to try and resolve the situation did not happen and further complicated a very difficult situation. Some of the contractor's workers had come to the Department seeking pay, but the Department had already paid the contractor for the work performed.

Mr. Arnold said there is a performance bond, which guarantees the contractor's performance to work, but there is nothing in the contract that requires the contractor to pay his employees. In the case of bankruptcy, the first call on any contractor's assets is to pay his employees; however, if there are no assets, that is another matter. Ms. Burns said that the Department could explore with the City Attorney's Office the possibility of incorporating something into contracts to guard against this type of problem in the future so that there is some provision for ensuring that employees get paid for work performed.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters listed hereunder constitute a Consent Calendar, are considered to be routine by the Recreation and Park Commission and will be acted upon by a single roll call vote of the Commission. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member so requests, in which event the matter shall be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered as a separate item.

On motion of Commissioner Rovetti, seconded by Commissioner Chan, the following resolutions were adopted:

THE CONSENT CALENDAR WAS APPROVED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:
Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Farrow, Immendorf, Rovetti, Ruiz
Absent: Commissioners Mazzola, Sommer

4. **CONSENT CALENDAR (Continued)**

a. **PERSONNEL MATTERS** **RES. NO. 16983**

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies the actions taken by the General Manager regarding personnel matters during the period September 2, 1994 through October 3, 1994.

b. **SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS** **RES. NO. 16984**
ANIMAL TRANSACTIONS

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies the following animal transactions for the San Francisco Zoological Gardens which were processed under Resolution No. 13572:

PURCHASED FROM: Lincoln Park Zoo
2200 North Cannon Drive
Chicago, IL 60614, USDA 33-C-004
Two (2) Male Red Legged Honeycreepers,
valued at $450 for the Pair

SOLD TO: Montgomery Zoo
P. O. Box ZEBRA
Montgomery, AL 36109, USDA 64-C-003
One (1) Male and One (1) Female Trumpeter Swan
Valued at $200 for the pair

RELEASED TO: Colombian Jungle
Two (2) Male, One (1) Female Andean
Condors

c. **TENDERLOIN RECREATION CENTER** **RES. NO. 16985**
TEEN OVERNIGHT CAMPING AND RIVER RAFTING TRIP

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies the Tenderloin Recreation Center teen overnight camping and river rafting trip to the American River on August 12-14, 1994.

d. **JAPANESE PEACE PLAZA** **RES. NO. 16986**
JAPAN CENTER PARKING GARAGE CORPORATION
APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the agreement regarding payment for structural repairs to the Japanese Peace Plaza.

e. **SETTLEMENT OF CLAIM** **RES. NO. 16987**

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the proposed settlement of the litigated claim of Adkins, Clay Jorden, vs. CCSF in the amount of $5,000.00.

f. **SETTLEMENT OF CLAIM** **RES. NO. 16988**

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the proposed settlement of the litigated claim of Pamela Hurst vs. CCSF in the amount of $5,000.00.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR (Continued)

g. SETTLEMENT OF CLAIM RES. NO. 16989

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the proposed settlement of the litigated claim of Leon Allen, vs. CCSF in the amount of $4,000.00.

GENERAL CALENDAR

5. JOSE CORONADO PLAYGROUND RENOVATION

Approval of playground renovation project at Jose Coronado Playground.

Park Planner Joanne Wilson reported that pursuant to the Commission's direction at their last meeting, a final community meeting was held. Two proposals were presented at the community meeting for review and comment. Notification of the meeting went to property owners within 500-600 feet of the park, which was approximately 500 homes. Ms. Wilson displayed the two proposals. Scheme E places the community building with the restrooms and the children's play area in the southeast corner. Scheme E also includes a half court of basketball and a basketball hoop, tennis court and an expanded soccer/softball area. In this scheme, there are two points of access to the restrooms--from inside the community building and from the outside. In Scheme C the community building with the restrooms and the children's play area are in the northeast area of the playground, and the plan includes a soccer/softball area and basketball and tennis courts. In this scheme, there is only one access point to the restrooms from inside the community building. Although the restroom access is less flexible, it is acceptable to the Recreation Division. Staff also looked at a variation of Scheme C. where instead of a full court of basketball, there would be two half courts. According to the recreation directors, most people at Coronado Playground play half court basketball. The tennis court would have a removable net so that there would be some flexibility in the use of the area. The tennis net could be removed so that there would be a large multi-purpose area. Staff is still researching the feasibility of a portable net. There is a manufacturer of portable nets, but there are two concerns. Once the net is removed, a cap is needed to cover the hole and it is not clear whether the cap would present a trip hazard. The cap needs to be flush with the court surface. With regard to the net, there needs to be a mechanism to lock it in place, and the company does not make one with that kind of mechanism. This could present a problem when the playground is not supervised, because there would be nothing to prevent someone from just removing the net. This could create a user conflict between tennis players and people who want to use the multi-purpose area. There would also be an exposed hole from the tennis net post that could be a trip hazard. Staff will try to find a solution, including the possibility of fabricating something in-house. Therefore, the recommendation is approval of Scheme C with the variation if it can be made to work; otherwise staff will implement Scheme C.

5. **JOSE CORONADO PLAYGROUND**
RENOVATION (Continued)

On motion of Commissioner Chan, seconded by Commissioner Ruiz, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16990

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves Scheme C with variation for the renovation project at Jose Coronado Playground.

APPROVED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:
Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Farrow, Immendorf, Rovetti, Ruiz
Absent: Commissioners Mazzola, Sommer

Commissioner Ruiz said that he attended the community meeting a month ago and that there was a fairly adequate representation of the community present. He commented that staff's efforts to notify residents of the meeting was quite exhaustive. He did not hear any negative remarks at the meeting. He felt this project was quite a challenge for Ms. Wilson and is aware of the headaches she endured in the process. He stated that Ms. Wilson should be publicly acknowledged for the manner in which she dealt with the difficulties involved.

6. **NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS**
TENNIS BID PROPOSAL

Consideration to reject the bids received for the Neighborhood Parks Tennis Courts.

Assistant General Manager Phil Arnold explained that this item was originally brought to the Commission as an extension of last year's experiment to try to have sanctioned teaching pros at various neighborhood park locations. The concept was to take certain neighborhood parks with multiple tennis courts and allow that one of the courts be reserved for the teaching pro for a fee. The pro would have exclusive use of one of the courts whenever he/she wanted to give a lesson, and the other courts would be left open for the public. The Department tried this for a year. The initial reaction was very negative in several instances, but people were encouraged to give the program a chance. Toward the end of the year not many complaints had been heard so staff proposed to extend it for another year, and the Commission approved going back out to bid. The results of the bids are on page 2 of the staff write-up. In some instances new locations were added and staff thought the program would work and generate $25,000-30,000 a year. During the bid process and subsequent to the bid process and over the past couple of weeks, the Property Management and Recreation Divisions have received a veritable torrent of complaints from neighbors from virtually all of the areas, particularly where there are established programs. People said they did not want the program at all or not on the weekends, which is when the pros teach most of their lessons. Based on this, staff is recommending that the program not proceed, that all bids be rejected and the existing pros be given 30-60 days notice that the program is being terminated. This will not prohibit people from teaching lessons for a fee on the courts, and the program did not prohibit that either. The program granted exclusive use of a court to people who were sanctioned by the Department in return for their paying a permit fee. There may be teaching occurring on

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the courts by other than the pros who paid a fee. The Department was aware of that, but apparently not everyone did and it has resulted in a lot of misunderstanding. Therefore, staff is recommending not to continue the program at any of the neighborhood courts and focus on Golden Gate Park as the primary teaching facility. There was discussion at the Finance Committee that the Department allow the experiment to continue for another year. If that were the case, he would not recommend trying new sites but continue only at existing sites. However, of the existing sites, he is aware of only two that have not received a lot of complaints, Moffett and Rossi. There is a lot of opposition at the other sites.

President Immendorf pointed out that of the 11 courts that were under consideration, only four bids were submitted that met the RFP requirements.

Duncan Smith stated that there is no extra time for pros to use the over utilized Moscone courts. The public wants to use them more than they have the ability to now. His other concern is safety. With the pro using between 50-100 balls, it is almost impossible for anyone on the adjacent court to safely play tennis.

Mike Howard, the pro at Julius Kahn, stated that when the program started 15-16 months ago, there were a few complaints and people getting used to the program. Over the ensuing months, the program has gone very successfully at Julius Kahn and at other sites, and there are people here today who will support the pros. If the program were given more time, it would get even more support and positive results. When a pro is at a site on a regular basis and establishes himself and shows that he is reputable and professional, people are interested and it encourages more play. He helps teach a free clinic for children, and he and other pros have discussed teaching free clinics on Saturdays for children, because they want to give back to the community in return for being given a court for teaching.

Shuichi Hirakawa stated that his points were already covered by the first speaker, Duncan Smith.

Walter Moelleriti stated that he has played at Moscone for the last 55 years and there is always a big crowd. He asked that the program be discontinued.

Christina Conlon stated that she has been playing at Moscone for 25 years, and they are the second busiest courts next to Golden Gate Park. There is a tremendous hazard with tennis balls flying into the court adjacent to the pro and there is the potential for someone getting hurt. She represents others who could not attend today's meeting, and they reject any private tennis lessons on public courts. She urged the Commission to permanently reject private lessons on the tennis courts.

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Scott Howard stated there are many problems with unqualified individuals teaching on the courts and not abiding by the rules. If these people were put off the courts, there would be a lot more time for the public to be on the courts. Allowing pros to teach without exclusive use of a court will not work because they cannot teach a lesson if they have to wait for a court and then end up with a middle court. Good pros want to teach on end courts so they can avoid the problem of balls going on to other courts. It is beneficial to have good pros in the neighborhoods so people do not have to drive somewhere or pay club membership fees. He thinks the program should be given a little more time.

Xavier Giovanelli stated that he has been playing on the courts for the past 25 years. His main concern is safety. He is worried about too many balls flying around and the possibility of someone getting hurt.

Bob Arkoff, lives near and plays at Dupont. He is against having any pro there, because they are the only decent courts in the Richmond. On Tuesdays and Thursdays, the courts are already reserved during prime time for the Dupont Club. When the pro was put on the courts, only one court was left for the general public. Pros should be placed at isolated courts where they will not bother other players.

In response to Mr. Arkoff's questions, Mr. Arnold said that no sites which were put to bid and which had been previously in the program were allowed to continue on a month-to-month basis. Those sites included in the bid package--which Dupont is not one--do continue to have people on a month-to-month basis. People who are teach but are not sanctioned by the Department are obligated to abide by the posted rules on the courts--to give way to the next person who is waiting when the set is over or after 45 minutes, whichever comes first.

Jerry Zones stated that he agreed with previous speakers who spoke in favor of discontinuing the program. He feels there is a shortage of courts and there is always a waiting list, especially at Moscone. He said it does not make sense when you have two courts adjacent to each and one is given to a pro. Balls are going to go over to the other side and it is always a problem. If you are going to give a pro a court, then it should be one that is completely enclosed like at Lafayette.

Katherine Hammersly spoke on behalf of her six-year-old son, who is one of Mike Howard's students at Julius Kahn. Her son has grown to love the game of tennis as a result of Mike's teaching. She stated that she walks her dog twice a day, every day, at Julius Kahn. Frequently there are no people on the courts at 8 a.m., even on Saturdays; so she wonders when the people are complaining about not being able to use the courts.

Gil Howard, who leases a court at Mountain Lake Park, said that initially there were some problems with people who have been playing at the courts for 20 years because they felt their spot was being taken away from them. He has many supporters and to hisknowledge no complaints have been made in the past 12 months, except for one resident. He stated that pros with experience have no problem keeping the balls off the second court and offered to show inexperienced pros how to do it. He has $2 million worth of insurance.

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He has given free clinics and will continue to do more. He and his son, Mike, will give free lessons to children on Saturday mornings. He will also offer drop-in clinics once a month because the people at Mountain Lake were so nice during the transition period. He feels this is a way of giving back to the community in addition to providing qualified tennis lessons at affordable rates. Teaching tennis is his livelihood and not something he decided to do on the spur of the moment. He would like to see the program continue.

Marsha Howard, who is at Mountain Lake Park, stated that safety is a pro's first and main concern. If renegade teaching is allowed, those individuals would have to take a middle court where it is much more difficult to control many balls. If the program is continued, it would ensure that courts are being leased to qualified people only. She distributed copies of an article from a national tennis magazine about her husband, Gil, as well as letters from people who could not be at today's meeting. She, her husband and son had a meeting with Superintendent of Recreation Joel Robinson, who suggested they do a youth program, so every Saturday morning from 8 to 9 a.m., they will provide group lessons for children who live in the neighborhood. She thinks that with better communication the program can be a success and bring limited revenue to the City to offset some of the costs.

Joe Delaney, who has been playing at Moscone for 20 years, said he hopes something can be done about the people who teach at Moscone. They have forced recreational players off the courts before they could finish their sets. He recommends that the program be restricted to single courts only, which would eliminate the problem of balls going into other courts. He disagrees with the Howards' plan to give lessons on Saturday mornings as it will only compound the problem of court availability. He feels lessons should be given during the week after the children get out of school.

Ted Prokos referred to the safety factor and the confusion of identifying which tennis balls belong to whom. There is a problem with balls coming over from students and this takes away from the public's privilege of playing tennis.

Brian Fewer stated that he and his wife play on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays in the morning at Mountain Lake Park. They have never observed any conflicts in all the time Mr. Howard has been there. Perhaps the timing could be changed in some respects. They play until 10 a.m., and after that all the courts are empty. There might be exceptions, but on the whole tennis is in the morning and there are a lot of empty courts.

Mimi Fewer agreed with the statements made by her husband. Gil Howard is very careful about balls coming into other courts. They have played next to him on many occasions and have not had any conflicts. He has given a free seminar and they received some pointers. She has no complaints.

Douglas Cartwright reiterated what other speakers had to say about safety. Pros should use single courts in the City that are closed in and not heavily used. Using courts that are extensively used, such as Moscone, is just courting trouble. There have been near fights because of the pros coming on them and creating problems. He is very strongly opposed to the program and thinks the City should consider the legal problems involved.

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John Lee, a long-time resident of the Marina, said there are people at Moscone from morning to night. He agreed that there are self-contained courts that would be better.

Alice Taylor stated that she is opposed to the use of any courts in the City by pros for teaching. The courts have been paid for by the taxpayers, and they are for all of the citizens of the City, not for people to fatten their own wallets. She does not believe the anonymous benefactor who provided $2 million to resurface courts would approve of the pros teaching on the courts. Moscone courts are heavily used and there are too many people waiting at all times, so the suggestion that the pros use them after school is not feasible.

Mike Miller, who plays at Moscone, said he finds it frustrating to wait and then have a pro come up and take his spot. It is also frustrating when balls keep interrupting, especially in the group lessons. He does think children have to play somewhere and someone has to teach them. He feels if the pros let the public finish playing and then do their job it would be best.

Lisa Tull, who plays on the Marina courts, said they are always packed with people there from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Times were not posted and the pro would come on and push people off. The people at Moscone are very upset and adamant about not wanting pros on their courts. She plays at Julius Kahn on the weekends, and Mike Howard is good at keeping balls on his court. The courts are taken by the pros on Saturdays and Sundays, and she has gotten used to it but others are not happy, especially some of the older people. The pro at Julius Kahn is very professional and does a good job, and it is a nice place to take lessons.

Daniel Bushnell, who has played at Mountain Lake for 25-30 years, said San Francisco's parks are almost little neighborhoods, little towns unto themselves. He is opposed to pros being able to push recreational players off the courts.

Joe Salinas stated that he is in favor of the program and sees it as a service to the community. He works with young people, and it gives them a place to go where they can mingle with other young people in a safe environment. It gives them an outlet where they can get exercise and participate in a sport that is safe and healthy.

Ernest Arpatt, who plays at Moscone, said there are secluded courts at Mission Dolores where pros can teach. Pros on crowded courts put a lot of people at risk. He pointed out that this is a very litigious society, and even though the Howards have insurance, people will still sue the City.

Patricia Gray, who has played at Moscone for 25 years, said she is against having lessons on those courts, because they are too well used. She thinks that even if teaching pros can have a court, it is going to be very dangerous having balls run across the courts. It is very hard to play when people are using a ball machine or using a lot of balls.

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Roberto De Giulio said he works at Golden Gate Park in the morning. For the last few years has helped run a free tennis and academic afterschool program for Potrero Hill youth. He said there are portable nets which can be strung between courts so balls will not stray. He likes what Gil and Mike Howard said about giving back to the community with free clinics. He is glad people have their traditions and have the ability to go out to their neighborhood courts and play, but there are young people who do not have a chance to be introduced to the sport. There are many at Potrero Hill who have never picked up a tennis racquet. He urged that the bids be re-done and that a certain amount of public service be included so that the community gets something as well as the teaching pro and the City.

Katherine Allen stated that her 13-year-old daughter has been taking private lessons from Gil Howard at Mountain Lake for several years and has developed into quite a fine tennis player. There are many members of the public who do not belong to private tennis clubs, and this program is a wonderful opportunity for people to get private instruction. She urged that Gil Howard be allowed to continue to give lessons.

Linda Bucklin spoke in favor of Gil Howard at Mountain Lake and feels very strongly about keeping the program. Mr. Howard is offering an incredible service to San Francisco and to people who do not belong to clubs. He is a seven-time national champion and is the number one ranked player in the world right now. She has taken lessons from him for over a year, and she has never seen any problems at Mountain Lake. Mr. Howard is an inspiration and everyone loves him. He is offering a service of such high quality to the City that it would be a mistake to lose it.

Chuck Lantz stated that he is the one complainant that Gil Howard mentioned. He lives near Mountain Lake, specifically 25 feet from court 2. He presented a petition signed by a number of people who work during the week and play tennis on the weekends and they are opposed to tennis instructions on weekends at Mountain Lake Park. He presented another petition that was filled out July 23-24 by people who were displaced from court 1 due to teaching taking place. There are a number of problems at Mountain Lake. The police have been called at least once, and one instructor was arrested. Tennis balls do get into other courts, and this prevents the other courts from being used by a serious tennis player. He is opposed to public supported/taxpayer supported tennis courts being used by a private enterprise. He and others gave the program a chance and withheld registering complaints for the first 12 months. They became angry when they found out the bid had been put out without prior notification to them.

Ed Connor, a native San Franciscan and resident for 58 years, stated that he has been taking lessons from Gil Howard for the last 15 years. Originally, private courts were available, but they have been phased out and he has been on public courts for the past 10 years. He suggested that the detriments and benefits of each site be evaluated and then determine on which sites pros should be allowed to teach. If a court has a tremendous demand or there are a lot of physical confrontations, it might not be an appropriate place for the program.

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Jacques Cuisin, a pro who rented three courts last year, feels there is a paying public and a public that does not pay and that both deserve equal rights to the public courts. He supports the suggestion that the sites be evaluated separately. He urged the Commission to come to some compromise that can satisfy both sides.

President Immendorf said that he sees both sides of the issue and believes there are two very different sets of circumstances. At Moscone there appears to be a consensus that it is a real problem because of the crowded conditions, yet at other courts there seems to be a lot of support. He suggested that each site be considered on a case-by-case basis, and he acknowledged that there are some good programs, especially with respect to working with children in the community.

In response to President Immendorf and Commissioner Rovetti's questions, Mr. Robinson said there were approximately 25-30 complaints about Julius Kahn. The complaints focused on the public's inability to use the courts, particularly on weekends.

Commissioner Rovetti said that he is completely against eliminating any program that has been somewhat successful. Everyone cannot afford private clubs. The pros are doing something for the neighborhoods and the City, especially if they implement a program free of charge for young people of the City. He would like to see both sides meet each other halfway. If there is a program that is better off being eliminated to allow increased teaching on the courts, he is in favor of that. He believes the pros are dedicated people who do not charge the same rates as private clubs. He would like to see staff review the matter and attain a meeting of the minds before a decision is made.

In response to Commissioner Farrow's question, Gil Howard said he charges $40 an hour for a private lesson. He gives half-hour lessons for $20 and gives a lot of 45-minute lessons for $30. Group lessons consist of four people paying $10 each. Private clubs charge anywhere from $50-75 an hour. Another pro pointed out that rates vary and that he charges $30 an hour, but he does not have Mr. Howard's background. He also said there are many pros who charge more than Gil Howard who do not pay rent to the City.

In response to President Immendorf's questions, Mr. Arnold said that if the program is discontinued, pros will continue to teach on the courts but they will not have the right to exclusive use of any court. There is nothing to prevent them from doing so now as long as they abide by the rules, which means they have to give up the court if someone is waiting to play. He stated that the Department has received the most complaints from Dupont, which is not included in this second bid package, and then Moscone and then pretty much equally, Mountain Lake and Julius Kahn. He is not aware of any complaints from Rossi and very few from Moffett.

In response to Commissioner Chan's question, Mr. Arnold said that if the program were discontinued, tennis pros would still be able to use park property for their lessons. Instead of looking at the similarity of not allowing people to sell things on park property, Mr. Arnold used the analogy of tour buses that charge people a fee to take them through Golden Gate Park. The Department maintains the park and the roads, yet it does not charge the tour

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buses a fee. Ms. Burns said it was also comparable to people who sell food without permits. The Department instituted food carts not only to collect a fair share but to regulate who is on park property.

In response to Commissioner Rovetti's question, Ms. Burns said bicycle races fall under the category of a special event. There is a fee schedule for events where there are more than 25 people.

Commissioner Chan said that he thinks public land should be for public use. He favors privatizing only if two purposes are served: 1) it is not incompatible with public interest and public need and 2) it generates sufficient income revenue to take care of other needs in the budget. In this instance, neither purpose is satisfied. There is a lot of public opposition, and only $21,000 was made last year. Staff spent so much time administering the program, it may not have been justifiable. Based on these two points, he does not want to see the program continued.

In response to Commissioner Ruiz's question, Mr. Arnold said that staff spent a considerable amount of time handling complaints from people who said they were not allowed access to courts and were asked to move. The courts that are popular for teaching are also popular for pay. He does not believe it serves a public purpose because it trains tennis players, but as a lot of people testified today, there are a lot of people who already know how to play tennis who feel they are being excluded while other people are being trained. It is largely an economic argument from the property management staff to spend so much time fielding complaints and concerns from the public versus $20,000 in revenue. The service side, which has not been discussed today, is whether there is enough public good being done by teaching people how to play tennis.

In response to Commissioner Ruiz's question, Mr. Robinson said that the Department does provide free lessons. Recreation directors teach the basics but nothing equivalent to what the pros are doing. During the summer, the National Junior Tennis League is around the entire city and teaches tennis free to young people. Mr. Robinson pointed out that the lessons taught by staff at Moscone were discontinued while the pro was there due to the complaints about court availability. He referred to the General Manager's Report wherein the Commission was advised that a compromise had been reached in a long-standing issue between tennis players and people who do tai chi at Parkside. One court will be set aside Monday through Friday from 7 to 9 a.m. for tai chi. It does not have a direct relationship to the tennis pros, but it will infringe on tennis time.

President Immendorf suggested that perhaps the program could be continued at Rossi and Moffett.

Mr. Robinson said that if the decision is made to continue the program, some caveat should be placed in the bid package that there is a give-back to the community along the lines of free tennis lessons for youth and free clinics to the community.

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TENNIS BID PROPOSAL (Continued)

On motion of Commissioner Ruiz, seconded by Commissioner Rovetti, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16991

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves continuation of the program at Rossi and Moffett with the caveat that there will be some type of a give-back program to the community as discussed between the pros and Mr. Robinson.

APPROVED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:
Ayes: Commissioners Farrow, Immendorf, Rovetti, Ruiz
Noes: Commissioner Chan

3:30-3:40 p.m., the Commission recessed the meeting.

7. **CHINESE PLAYGROUND**
HANG AH ALLEY IMPROVEMENTS

Approval of improvements to Hang Ah Alley at Chinese Playground.

Assistant Landscape Architect Marvin Yee stated that Hang Ah Alley is located in Chinatown between Sacramento and Clay Streets adjacent to Chinese Playground. The majority of the alley is under the jurisdiction of the Recreation and Park Department while 59 feet of the alley measured from Sacramento Street falls under the jurisdiction of the Department of Public Works. The alley was last improved in 1983 and has since deteriorated. Commission approval is being sought for improvements to the alley, which generally consists of replacement of existing items--trees, benches and bollards. An upgrade to the existing items would be exposed aggregate paving with smooth bands located at regular intervals along the alley. The bands will have inscriptions in both English and Chinese to describe the history of the alley. This improvement is sponsored by the Chinatown Resource Center and funded through the Mayor's Office of Community Development block grants and is estimated to cost $150,000.

On motion of Commissioner Farrow, seconded by Commissioner Ruiz, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16992

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves improvements to Hang Ah Alley at Chinese Playground.

APPROVED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:
Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Farrow, Immendorf, Rovetti, Ruiz
Absent: Commissioners Mazzola, Sommer

8. **SOUTH OF MARKET RECREATION CENTER**
MURAL

Superintendent of Recreation Joel Robinson explained that the Department is asking for approval of the placement of a ceramic mural on the Folsom Street side of South of Market Recreation Center. The artist could not be present, but there is design concept in Commissioners' packets. The actual ceramic material was shown at the Recreation Program Committee. Photographs of the young people who are participating in the project will be transferred on to ceramic pieces and become part of the project. It appears to be a quality project, and the artist has done work with the Department previously. It will give young people in the neighborhood an opportunity to participate in the design of art work that will become a part of the facility. If approved by the Commission, it will be forwarded to the Art Commission for its approval.

In response to Commissioner Chan's question, Mr. Robinson explained that although the staff write-up specifies a maintenance endowment of $500 for five years, efforts are being made to obtain a perpetual endowment. Mr. Robinson pointed out that the mural will be covered with a graffiti-resistant coating, so that it can easily be wiped clean.

On motion of Commissioner Ruiz, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16993

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves of the mural project at South of Market Recreation Center.

APPROVED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:
Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Farrow, Immendorf, Rovetti, Ruiz
Absent: Commissioners Mazzola, Sommer

9. **RANDALL MUSEUM**
THEATER RENTAL FEES

Approval to increase Randall Museum Theater rental fees.

Randall Museum Director Amy Dawson, explained that the Randall Museum is proposing an increase in its theater rental fees. Fees have not been increased since 1990, and the Museum now has a completely remodeled theater. She pointed out that there is a revised packet at the Commissioners' places that outlines the three categories of rental fees. Individuals and groups whose missions are aligned with the Randall Museum will pay lower fees than large for-profit groups. The criteria for determining alignment with the Museum's mission is included in Commissioners' packets. The criteria is fairly broad and it is not necessary to meet all the criteria; one is enough to qualify. She requested that the increase in rental fees become effective upon Commission approval.

In response to Commissioners Rovetti and Ruiz's questions, Ms. Dawson explained that the information in the Commission binders was superseded by information distributed at the September Recreation Program Committee meeting. The revised information packet

9. **RANDALL MUSEUM**
THEATER RENTAL FEES (Continued)

provided to the Commission today is the same information the Recreation Program Committee reviewed and approved to the full Commission.

On motion of Commissioner Rovetti, seconded by Commissioner Chan, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16994

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the increase in Randall Museum Theater rental fees.

APPROVED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:
Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Farrow, Immendorf, Rovetti, Ruiz
Absent: Commissioners Mazzola, Sommer

10. **GOLDEN GATE PARK**
DE LAVEAGA DELL
AIDS MEMORIAL GROVE
APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT

Approval of agreement with the Tides Foundation for the AIDS Memorial Grove at the De Laveaga Dell in Golden Gate Park.

Assistant General Manager Phil Arnold pointed out to Commissioners that the wording in the item has been altered slightly as indicated in the new packet at their places. He explained the essential changes: 1) On the first page, four new paragraphs have been added which constitute a preamble that explains why it is being done, why the AIDS Memorial Grove is involved and clarifies the gift. 2) The addition of Attachment F, which specifically indicates where signs will be. There will be four directional signs that tell people where the AIDS Memorial Grove is located and two signs on site--one on Middle Drive and one on Bowling Green Drive. 3) An indemnification clause has been added on page 5, paragraph 8. There is only one more issue that needs to be resolved. There are two paragraph 8's; the second paragraph 8 needs to be changed to 9 and the following paragraph changed to 10. All other issues have been addressed and resolved, and the Department recommends approval.

Jack Porter, one of the first volunteers at the Grove who has not missed a work day since they began in September 1991, thanked the Commission. When his partner passed away, the memorial money that was collected was the first seed money to establish the Grove. It has been wonderful to see this project grow in five years from an idea to a grove.

David Smith Fox, a Deputy City Attorney on sick leave, said that Al Schaff, former Personnel Director for the Recreation and Park Department, was his initial link to the Grove effort. He appreciates the work of the Board, Mary Burns and the staff. His late partner was one of the first people to suggest that De Laveaga Dell would be an

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DE LAVEAGA DELL
AIDS MEMORIAL GROVE
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appropriate site. The project is very beautiful and he thanked the Commission for its help.

Kerry Enright, Executive Director of the AIDS Memorial Grove, stated she was present on behalf of the Board and all the volunteers to thank the Commission for its help. It was a tough three months and there were many discussions about the project. She publicly thanked Mary Burns for all of her time. She also thanked Phil Arnold, Deborah Learner, Jim Cooney, Kevin Shea, Jim Max, Jim Lucey, Elaine Molinari and Shauna Rose, stating that without their assistance the project would not be at this point today.

Ayse Manyas Kenmore, a member of the Board of Directors and Co-chair of Development, thanked the Commission. She has been involved with the project from the beginning and has lost more than 100 friends to the pandemic. The Grove is not just for people in San Francisco who have lost people but for people all over the country. People come for meditation, renewal and hope. This will be an historic gift that the Commission made possible.

Phyllis Gomez, who lost her son almost five years ago, is one of the initial "dirt diggers." Every time she gets down on her knees and digs dirt, it helps her overcome.

Commissioner Rovetti said that the project is very close to him. He is very attached to his employees and has lost five to AIDS.

On motion of Commissioner Rovetti, seconded by Commissioner Chan, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16995

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the agreement with the Tides Foundation for the AIDS Memorial Grove at the De Laveaga Dell in Golden Gate Park.

APPROVED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:
Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Farrow, Immendorf, Rovetti, Ruiz
Absent: Commissioners Mazzola, Sommer

10a. CANDLESTICK PARK
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS
LEASE AMENDMENT

Assistant General Manager Phil Arnold explained that when this item was last before the Commission there were outstanding issues that have now been resolved. He said the Commissioners' packet outlines the changes in the lease extension.

1) The terms of the lease would be extended to the end of 1999 with a five-year option to extend to the end of 2004. This is the Giants option; the City would be committed to

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extending the lease if the Giants so chose. During this period, the Giants can opt out of the following season if they advise the City by July 1 of that year; the City does not have that right.

2) The Giants have agreed to assume responsibility for security within the stadium during baseball games. Currently, the City has this responsibility, although the Giants have been paying for security inside the stadium.

3) The Giants agreed in principle to helping the 49ers during the overlap between baseball and football. This was a very difficult negotiating point that involved both professional baseball and football at the league level as well as at the team level. The compromise language is at the Commissioners' places. It guarantees that baseball will provide weekend openings for football--two in August, two in September and not require football to play more than three consecutive games on the road. There is a very remote possibility that if the Giants are in the playoffs, division championships and world series and are the home team for all those games, they might be in town four consecutive weekends and that would present a problem. The 49ers maintain that playing four weekend games on the road is unsatisfactory to them. The Giants have agreed to deal with this scenario should it ever occur as a condition of their lease. The City would then be able to guarantee to the 49ers that they would not have to play more than three consecutive games on the road. This is important to the Department, because if baseball chose to schedule all the weekends during August and September, the 49ers might need to relocate some of their games. This would be a major revenue loss, because each football game generates more than $400,000 of income to the Department that helps finance Candlestick Park. The new language defines what weekend means as well as the time before and after the event that the Department has to convert the stadium from baseball to football or vice versa. Currently there is no such definition. The Giants current lease has a 36-hour rule, which requires the Department to give the Giants a field that is playable 36 hours before their event. During the crossover season, the Department has had to petition the Giants to waive the 36-hour rule to allow for a football game and then convert back to baseball, which gave them fewer than 36 hours to prepare for their baseball game. They have agreed to waive that in crossover season times when there is a football game on a weekend and then a baseball game following. They have also guaranteed that the Department will have at least 42 hours to convert the stadium from baseball to football and vice versa; there is no such guarantee in the current lease. This year, before the strike occurred, the Department was looking at a turnover in less than 24 hours, which has never been done and is questionable whether it could be done. In the event that the Giants schedule a game which does not allow 42 hours to convert the stadium, they have agreed to pay whatever incremental costs are involved in converting the stadium. This is a major concession on the part of the Giants to the Department and the 49ers. The 42-hour window is longer than the Department has now, but it has never been tested. Mr. Arnold explained to the Giants that the Department does not know that it can do this even though a commitment has been made. The Giants have agreed to work with the Department in the event that it just cannot be done.

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President Immendorf pointed out that the Department and the Commission have worked very hard and closely with with both teams and that the Giants have made a major concession.

In response to Commissioner Rovetti's question, Mr. Arnold explained that if the Giants were to be in the playoffs, championships and world series, the 49ers would not have to play elsewhere because the Giants have guaranteed that the 49ers would not have to play four consecutive games on the road.

Jack Bair, representing the Giants, explained how the playoffs work in baseball. One year the American League hosts games 1, 2, 6 and 7 of the world series and these are weekend games; the National League hosts games 3, 4 and 5, which are weekday games. Every other year the National League takes up two weekends in the month of October. Divisional playoffs and league championships also work on a rotation system. If those rotation systems land where the Giants are the host team on weekends, there is a 1 in 112th chance that the Giants would be the host team for four weekends in a row. By agreeing to the 49ers language, the Giants would have to play one or two games, three at the most, at another location. If this were to occur, the Giants would meet with the Department and the 49ers to see what could be worked out. Because it is such a remote possibility, the Giants have agreed to it because the 49ers have refused to change their position. In the worst case scenario the Giants would have to play a game or two in Oakland.

Commissioner Ruiz stated that he does not concur with the lease agreement. He finds a number of flaws with it and believes it is a one-sided lease agreement. The City is giving the Giants a five-year lease extension, but they have the right to to give four months' notice to terminate the lease. This is unfair to the City and allows only four months to find someone else to rent the stadium. Commissioner Ruiz also disagreed with the provision that the Giants would be entitled to rent credits in the event the City decided to impose an admission tax on baseball tickets. He also expressed disagreement with the Giants being entitled to rent credits for capital improvements to Candlestick Park. He finds it offensive that the 49ers can review the capital improvement requests but do not have the right to approve them.

In response to Commissioner Ruiz's comments, President Immendorf said his points were well taken. He explained that this is a continuation of a lease that is already in progress and in effect as a result of concessions that the City made to the new owners of the Giants in order to keep the team in San Francisco. The tax credits are already in effect, except the Giants have to go back every year to the Board of Supervisors to seek a specific exemption. By making it part of the lease, the Giants would not have to petition the Board each year. Candlestick is a multi-purpose stadium. If the Giants ask for a rent credit for capital improvements that benefit baseball and not football, it did not seem equitable since the Giants will probably be in the process of attempting to locate a site for a new stadium. The City agreed to this based on the fact that the Giants might want to move to a new stadium. There is a safeguard in that the Commission has to

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approve any rent credits for improvements by the Giants that are over $50,000. President Immendorf pointed out that the lease amendment has been held up for four months. He recommended that the Commission approve it and pass it on to the Board of Supervisors for their review and approval.

In response to Commissioner Ruiz's concerns, Jack Bair explained that the Giants have a yearly out in the current lease, and if a new ball park were to become available it would allow them to get out of the lease at Candlestick and enter into a lease with a new ball park. The previous team owners suffered tremendous financial losses and attempted to sell the team to Tampa Bay. A group of local investors came forward and purchased the team and is working very hard to put the team back on its feet. The yearly out is very important in the event of financial disaster. The owners of the Giants are San Francisco residents and care very much about keeping the team in San Francisco. Efforts are being made to put a ball park package together that will hopefully solve the problems with the existing stadium lease. There is an important protection in the lease that the City has not had previously. Before the current ownership can sell the team out of town, there would be a formal period of time in which local buyers could come forward.

In 1970, when Candlestick Park was proposed for football orientation, there was a tax imposed on stadium admissions to finance the enclosure of the ball park. That addition to the ball park was not to the advantage of the baseball tenant. Every year for the last 25 years, the Board of Supervisors has waived the admissions tax againt the Giants because it was understood from the beginning that they should not pay for improvements to make the stadium whole so that a football team could be brought in. It has been put into the lease so that the Giants will not have to go before the Board every year to have the tax waived. It is a fair approach and reflects the historical nature and present set-up of Candlestick Park.

The rent credits for capital improvements are contingent on Commission approval. The Giants can present suggestions that might make the ball park better, and the 49ers are involved in commenting on these suggestions. The Commission has the final say and decides whether they are appropriate items for rent credits. Anything under $50,000 can be approved by the General Manager. The 49ers have a rent credit provision in their lease, and the Giants are asking for a similar provision. Anything above $50,000 has to be approved by staff and the Commission. It is not a give-back to the Giants; it is a vehicle for making improvements to the stadium that the Commission would like to have made.

Mr. Bair responded to Commissioner Ruiz's subsequent question concerning the provision that allows the Giants to terminate the lease in any year and the four-month window of opportunity for someone to buy the team. In August 1992, there was an announcement that the team was being sold to Tampa. The Mayor and others got involved and asked local businesspersons to try and purchase the team. This group was going to make an offer known at the beginning of September, but Bob Lurie said he had a contract with Tampa and would not speak with local investors. The National

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LEASE AMENDMENT (Continued)

League had to get involved and in December voted to keep the team in San Francisco. That process took four months but that was unusual. There may come a time when the owners might have to sell the team under financial duress. The lease amendment before the Commission is an opportunity for San Francisco to keep its team in the event the current owners cannot make a go of it financially. This opportunity did not exist before. Commissioner Chan said that he asked the same question regarding the four-month issue at the Finance Committee meeting and was told to let staff, the City and the Giants work through the matter. Initially, he disagreed with the four-month period. In reality, the Giants will not be able to walk out in four months or even six months or a year. The Oakland A's have been trying to sell out for the past couple of years. The process of finding a buyer and the drawing up the various agreements and such will take a lot longer than four months to accomplish.

In response to President Immendorf's question, Mr. Arnold stated that Mr. Bair's statement that the Giants have an annual option out was an amendment that had to do with the building of a downtown stadium. The City Attorney believes that is moot now. The lease expires at the end of the current baseball season, so unless they extend it, Amendment 2 goes away with the lease. If this is not extended or amended, there is no out because there is no lease. With an extension, this would supersede Amendment 2, which gave them the out if there was a downtown stadium and if several things happened. None of those things ever happened.

President Immendorf pointed out that in the early stages of negotiations, he had some of the same concerns. He did not think it was proper to have a lease where there was no commitment past June of any year and within four months the team could leave. This issue was discussed at great length with the City Attorney,and the other lease was examined and options and commitments reviewed. He does not believe the Department nor the City is being shortchanged. In fairness to the Giants, who have made a major concession that the 49ers approved, it is time for the Commission to pass this matter on to the Board of Supervisors for their review.

Commissioner Rovetti agreed that perhaps it is time to move the item on to the Board, but the Commission has the right to know and get answers to its questions. He is still concerned with the Giants' right to notify the Commission that they are leaving in four months if a local buyer is not found.

Mr. Bair reiterated that the lease provides that on July 1 of any year, the Giants can give notice of their intention to terminate the lease at the end of the season but cannot sell the team out of town until the City has had four months to solicit local buyers. An agreement has been developed that gives the City the opportunity to preserve its team in the event the current owners are forced to sell the team due to financial difficulties. This was not the case in the past.

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LEASE AMENDMENT (Continued)

Commissioner Ruiz said he can understand the need to sell the team due to financial difficulty. The Commission has a responsibility to make sure the City gets the best deal possible. He said that the four-month advance notice is not acceptable and should be increased. The Giants should give at least one year advance notice.

Mr. Arnold stated that he originally requested three years' notice. However, four months, given the way the stadium is used, is really nine months. The end of baseball season is followed by football season, which lasts through December. No events are scheduled during football season. Typically, Candlestick is not in an event phase January through March due to construction work or inclement weather. The rental season starts around the first of April. If the Giants give notice July 1, the Department has the balance of the baseball season, the full football season and then a down period until April to determine what will be done without baseball.

Mr. Bair responded to Commissioner Ruiz's request that the Giants be reciprocal and understanding of the City's situation. The Giants pay full rent and paid more rent last year than ever in the history of the Giants franchise. They fund half of the afterschool sports programs for all public schools. The Giants have no intention of leaving San Francisco and plan to stay and flourish in San Francisco long into the future.

On motion of Commissioner Chan, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 16996

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the sixth amendment to the stadium lease with the San Francisco Giants.

APPROVED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:
Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Farrow, Immendorf, Rovetti
Noes: Commissioner Ruiz
Absent: Commissioners Mazzola, Sommer

10b. JUSTIN HERMAN PLAZA
TEMPORARY SCULPTURE

Consideration of temporary installation of the United Nations Umbrella sculpture from October 1994 to June 1995 at Justin Herman Plaza.

Assistant General Manager Phil Arnold explained that the proposed location for the umbrella sculpture is Justin Herman Plaza. He passed around pictures of the proposed sculpture and told Commissioners there is map showing the specific site location. The Department has not had much lead time on this item. A lot of issues are still being discussed with the proponents. Staff is prepared to make a conditional recommendation. The Department needs to make sure that the sculpture does not preclude other already scheduled events. It does not present a problem for the Embarcadero Center's ice rink

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TEMPORARY SCULPTURE (Continued)

or beach volleyball program. They have have seen the pictures of the sculpture and feel it would be an asset. Staff still needs to check with the Permits Division to make sure there is nothing else scheduled that would be precluded by the sculpture.

The project sponsors have obtained insurance that protects the City. Permit fees will depend on whether the installation is co-sponsored by the Art Commission; a private installation of art work requires a fee under current Commission policy. This item has not gone to the Art Commission yet and will not until November 7 at the earliest. If the Commission approves the site location, the Art Commission will then review the art work. If they adopt it as their project, the permit fee can be waived; if not, the fee would be negotiated through the Department's Permit Division.

An electric line will need to be run overhead, on the ground or underground. This has not been worked out yet and would need to be a condition before approval is granted. Restoration to the area is expected to be minimal. There may be some chipping from the concrete block on which the sculpture will be bolted. The Department still needs to work out some sort of agreement that will guarantee that any damage will be repaired. The sponsors do not believe there will be a vandalism problem, but they have agreed to repair the sculpture in the event there is. The Department does not expect any need to remove the sculpture but must have the right to remove it if any problem arises. Staff recommends the Commission approve the installation on the condition that the administrative requirements are satisfied.

Mort Bebe, representing the World Centre, said the first-time showing of the umbrella was at Yerba Buena Center two weeks ago. The structure, which was there for one week, was installed and removed without creating any damage. The umbrella structure would be a wonderful project to enhance the feeling of Justin Herman Plaza and the Embarcadero Center. For the most part, the umbrella will be closed and only opened for special events. When the umbrella is open, it is like a gigantic umbrella used in photography as a reflector. The light disseminates softly over the entire Plaza. The symbolism behind the sculpture is the umbrella of nations and San Francisco is the city where the United Nations Charter was developed. The umbrella's material is lightweight and lasts 50 years.

In response to Superintendent of Parks Ron de Leon's question, Mr. Bebe said the crane can install the sculpture from the raised portion of the Plaza. It will not be necessary to access the brick tiles of the Plaza's floor.

On motion of Commissioner Chan, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

10b. **JUSTIN HERMAN PLAZA**
TEMPORARY SCULPTURE (Continued)

RES. NO. 16997

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the temporary installation of the United Nations Umbrella sculpture from October 1994 to June 1995 at Justin Herman Plaza subject to Art Commission approval and compliance with departmental administrative requirements.

APPROVED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:
Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Farrow, Immendorf, Rovetti, Ruiz
Absent: Commissioners Mazzola, Sommer

11. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Susan Douglas, representing the Academy of Sciences, reported on the success of its summer program, Camp Academy, done in collaboration with the Recreation and Park Department. A professional evaluation will be forwarded to the Commission at the end of the month.

Ms. Burns explained that the idea for the program came about at a roundtable discussion. Essentially, it was a matter of putting Academy staff and children in Recreation and Park Department programs together. The program has proved to be very successful. On behalf of staff, Ms. Burns thanked Ms. Douglas and suggested that this type of program might be a model for funding under the Crime Bill.

Emeric Kalman expressed his concerns regarding the Marina Yacht Harbor. He asked for the completion date on repairing the westend restrooms that have been closed since the 1989 earthquake. He also asked for the number of vacant berths.

President Immendorf assured Mr. Kalman that Superintendent of Parks Ron de Leon would provide answers to his questions by the next Commission meeting.

Joan Girardot, representing the Marina Civic Improvement Association, offered comments on the dredging project. She felt that the sand from Barney's Beach should have been mined and sold, rather than dredged and dumped. She pointed out that dredging is not taking place on the north side of the spit simultaneously with dredging at the mouth of the harbor, which will result in the mouth of the harbor filling up again right away. She stated that the type of technology which was specified in the contract was a clam shell digger, which cannot suck under the docks and between the fingers, so it is not being done. She criticized the lack of competitive bidding. The process should be have been started sooner to avoid time constraints. As a result, the City received only one bid. She requested a copy of the letter from the City Attorney stating that it was okay to suspend the Charter and let the contract go with only one bid. She complained that the five-year dredging program they were promised has not been implemented.

President Immendorf acknowledged that Ms. Girardot points are valid and assured her that Mr. de Leon would respond to her concerns.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT (Continued)

Jack Bair, representing the San Francisco Giants, informed the Commission that the Giants would not be raising their ticket prices next year. He also offered to meet with Commissioner Ruiz or any other Commissioner to clarify any concerns they may have regarding the Giants franchise.

12. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Note for the Record: The President did not submit a President's Report.

13. COMMISSION COMMITTEE REPORTS

The following Commission Committee reports were submitted for the record:

- Joint Zoo Committee meeting of September 7, 1994
- Recreation Program Committee meeting of September 28, 1994
- Parks and Planning Committee meeting of October 4, 1994
- Finance and Candlestick Committee meeting of October 6, 1994

14. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the 697th Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Madeleine Licavoli

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Acting Commission Secretary

Note: These minutes set forth all actions taken by the Recreation and Park Commission on matters stated, but not necessarily the chronological order in which the maters were taken up.

San Francisco, California
November 17, 1994

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RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION

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698TH REGULAR MEETING

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 1994 - 2:00 P.M.

The Six Hundred Ninety Eighth Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Thursday, November 17, 1994 at 2:00 p.m. by President Jack Immendorf.

1. **ROLL CALL**

Present: Commissioner Jack Immendorf, President
Commissioner Sidney Chan
Commissioner Vincent J. Rovetti
Commissioner Santiago Ruiz

Absent: Commissioner Bella Farrow
Commissioner Larry Mazzola, Vice President
Commissioner Elizabeth McArdle-Solomon

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On motion of Commissioner Rovetti, seconded by Commissioner Ruiz, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 20, 1994, were approved as presented.

APPROVED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:
Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Immendorf, Rovetti, Ruiz
Absent: Commissioners Farrow, Mazzola, McArdle-Solomon

3. **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

General Manager, Mary E. Burns, submitted the following report:

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION Each month an outstanding employee is nominated by the Parks Division for the ongoing Employee Recognition Program. This month, Philip Rossi is being honored for his extraordinary managerial skills. Phil is the Nursery Specialist in charge of the Golden Gate Park Nursery. He supervises the propagation, care and development of the plant materials used throughout the Department–from the annual beds in the Conservatory Valley to the trees for the Golden Gate Park Reforestation Program. Jim Cooney, Assistant Superintendent of Parks, will make the presentation.

3. **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)**

BUDGET The Mayor's budget office has given the Recreation and Park Department a preliminary allocation of general fund support for the 1995-96 fiscal year. This preliminary allocation is $2.6 million less than the current year's allocation. In addition, the Mayor's budget office has directed the department to absorb an estimated $2 million in personnel costs resulting from recent City agreements with two employee organizations. Thus, the Recreation and Park Department is facing a combined reduction in general fund support of approximately $4.6 million for 1995-96. This reduction is approximately 21% of the total general fund allocation received during the current fiscal year. However, the general fund allocation includes $4 million for the management contract for the Zoo which is fixed at that amount by the Board of Supervisors. If the Zoo contract is maintained, then the reduction must come from the remaining general fund support which amounts to a reduction of over 26% for the department. A budget reduction of this magnitude would be equivalent to the following program reductions:

Withdrawal of all maintenance from approximately one-third of the City's neighborhood parks; or

Reduction of youth recreation programs by approximately 50%; or

Elimination of all adult recreation programs and the entire urban forestry program in neighborhood parks and Golden Gate Park; or

Elimination of all horticultural maintenance in Golden Gate Park; or

Elimination of all administrative and support staff as well as all payments for services provided by the City Attorney, Purchaser and Department of Public Works.

GIANTS LEASE AMENDMENT Yesterday, the Budget Committee of the Board of Supervisors requested that several changes be made to the Sixth Amendment to the Stadium Lease with the Giants which was approved by the Commission. These changes include clarification that the Giants will pay for the full cost of security inside the stadium, that the Giants will continue to pay the stadium operator admission tax on tickets over $25 and on games where the attendance exceeds 42,500 and that rent credits in excess of $50,000 must be approved by the Budget Committee of the Board of Supervisors. Since the Board of Supervisors cannot modify a lease, these changes must be approved by the Commission. Because of timing requirements, a special meeting of the Commission is being scheduled for December 1 to consider these changes to the lease with the Giants.

CANDLESTICK PARK CUSTODIAL SERVICES CONTRACT The dispute with the custodial contractor at Candlestick Park remains unresolved. Therefore, the Department has again been forced to declare an emergency in order to provide replacement custodial services for the game on Sunday with the Rams. (An emergency was also required for the Dallas game last week.) The situation for the balance of the season is uncertain. However, the Purchaser has informed us that we will not be able to include a requirement in future contracts that City contractors pay their workers.

TENDERLOIN RECREATION CENTER Construction on the new recreation center in the Tenderloin is ahead of schedule. We now anticipate that the facility will be ready for occupancy in early January. It is estimated that the facility will require six full-time staff. Unfortunately, the Recreation Division is currently facing a projected shortage in its personnel budget. Therefore, a full schedule of programs at this new center may not be possible.

3. **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)**

PINE LAKE On November 10, the Recreation and Park Department received a letter from Dr. Sandra Hernandez, Director of Public Health, notifying us that the "water polluted" signs are no longer warranted at Pine Lake and may be removed. This action follows an intensive investigation into the source of the sewage contamination and inspection of Recreation and Park and residential sewer lines. The most recent sampling tested from Pine Lake shows that the levels of ammonia, detergent and uric acid are remaining the same or decreasing. Results from the bacteriological tests are quite low and are remaining constant which substantiates the case that this was a single event. The Department of Public Health will be working with the Recreation and Park Department to develop a plan to monitor and maintain the lakes of San Francisco.

MARINA YACHT HARBOR DREDGING The first dredging episode in the five-year plan proposed for the San Francisco Small Craft Harbor was completed in October. Forty thousand cubic yards of dredge material was removed from west harbor, including approximately 24,000 cubic yards of sand from Barney's Beach. Most of the sand was transported to an upland site rather than dumped at Alcatraz. This process of depositing good quality sand at an upland site for a beneficial use prolongs the usefulness of the Alcatraz dump site and is favored by the regulatory agencies. Recreation and Park staff along with the Department of Public Works are talking to the regulatory agencies regarding the implementation of a feasibility study to mine 30,000 cubic yards of sand on the outside of the jetty near the entrance to the west harbor. The study would determine whether or not the creation of a "sump" in this area would prevent the movement of sand around the tip of the jetty and into the west harbor entrance. If successful, sand mining in this area could greatly reduce the cost of dredging this area. It is our hope that the permit can be approved administratively by the regulatory agencies, but that is yet to be determined.

MONKEYS On November 9, following a wind/rain storm, a large eucalyptus branch fell into the patas monkey exhibit at the Primate Discovery Center. The five monkeys climbed out of the exhibit into the Zoo. One male and one female returned to the exhibit later that afternoon, and the next day another female jumped back in. One patas was seen on Zoo grounds yesterday morning and was caught and returned to the exhibit. The remaining patas was spotted on Zoo grounds early today and was safely placed back in the exhibit at noon today.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING/LOCAL 856 The Memorandum of Understanding between Teamsters Local 856, representing civil service animal keepers at the Zoo, and the City of San Francisco, which was agreed upon and signed in July of this year, was ratified by the Board of Supervisors on November 7. The agreement will be implemented on December 1, 1994, and should provide improved animal care and professional management of the staff.

MOUNT DAVIDSON CROSS The City was before the U.S. Court of Appeals yesterday in a hearing on the legality of the Mount Davidson Cross being located on public property. As you will recall, the City had prevailed in an earlier suit brought by a number of organizations, including the Americans United for Separation of Church and State and the ACLU. Written briefs had already been submitted, and oral arguments were heard before a three-judge panel. The matter was taken under submission with a decision to follow. In some complicated cases, this may take up to a year.

3. **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)**

RECREATION DIVISION - REDUCED HOLIDAY STAFFING The Recreation Division's Christmas vacation schedule will be substantially reduced for the 1994 holiday season. The Division is experiencing a deficit in the salary account that must be balanced by June 30, 1995. Hopefully, the traditional rainy season will soon be here and more savings can be accomplished through this method. Traditionally, part-time hours have been increased during the Christmas holiday because the children are out of school. However, this year the Recreation Division will operate on its normal hours because of this shortfall.

WIRED YOUTH SAN FRANCISCO MEDIA FESTIVAL A group of children at Argonne Playground, produced an eight-minute movie video, "The Snails Take Over the Park" this past summer. The video was chosen to be screened at the Wired Youth San Francisco Media Festival, an annual media celebration and festival sponsored by the Exploratorium and Artists' Television Access that celebrates the fresh vision and creativity of young film and videomakers. Videos from all over the country were submitted and only 15 were chosen for screening. Congratulations to Recreation Directors Tera Wattles and Marci Klane on this innovative summer project.

REHABILITATION PROJECTS AWARDS The Recreation and Park Department has recently received awards for two of its rehabilitation projects: Spreckels Temple of Music: The American Concrete Institute has selected the Spreckels Temple for special recognition with the "Use of Concrete Award" for a seismic retrofit. The Randall Museum Theater: The current issue of Interior Design is featuring the recently completed project at the Randall Museum. The magazine, Interiors, has given the project an award in its annual competition and will feature it in their January issue. The San Francisco Chapter of the American Institute of Architects has given the project a merit award in its interior awards program.

SUPER BOWL 1999 San Francisco has been selected as the host city for Super Bowl XXXIII in January 1999. Several improvements will be made at Candlestick Park prior to the Super Bowl. The scope of the work is currently being determined, but may include such projects as a new football press box, renovated locker room facilities, additional seating, a new field irrigation system and a variety of upgrades to meet ADA requirements. The City has entered into a contract with the architectural firm of Anderson, Debartolo and Pan to assist in the design of this work.

SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS The following claims, under $5,000, were settled by the City Attorney's Office during the month of October 1994:

•Lie, Randolph	$ 85.18	•Berney, Stanley P.	$ 77.00
•Arbid, Sana	443.32	•Warren, Deral D.	608.84
•Strick, Jessica	125.94	•Cunnane, Thomas J.	100.00
•Tromborg, Carl E.	185.00	•Webb, Mager, Sr.	1,085.37
•Contreras, Lisa	247.81	•Coyle, David	134.49
•Ng, Shelman	1,161.60	•Matteucci, Steve	240.00
•Minor, D.	100.00	•Lovell, Thoreau	150.00
•Gabriel, Rheordan A.	351.12		

3. **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)**

DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday, November 18, 1994	Embarcadero Center Ice Skating Rink opening ceremony; 12:00 noon; Justin Herman Plaza (operates through January 29, 1995)
Thursday, November 24, 1994	Thanksgiving Day Holiday
Friday, November 25, 1994	Day After Thanksgiving Day Holiday
Thursday, December 1, 1994	Special Recreation and Park Commission meeting; 2:00 p.m.; McLaren Lodge
Thursday, December 1, 1994	Finance and Candlestick Committee; 3:00 p.m.; McLaren Lodge
Monday, December 5, 1994	Golf, Yacht Harbor and Camp Mather Committee; 3:00 p.m.; McLaren Lodge
Tuesday, December 6, 1994	Parks and Planning Committee; 4:00 p.m.; McLaren Lodge
Wednesday, December 7, 1994	Joint Zoo Committee; 4:30 p.m. tour, 5:00 p.m. meeting; Education Classroom, San Francisco Zoo"
Wednesday, December 14, 1994	Tree Lighting; 5:30 p.m.; McLaren Lodge"

4. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

All matters listed hereunder constitute a Consent Calendar, are considered to be routine by the Recreation and Park Commission and will be acted upon by a single roll call vote of the Commission. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member so requests, in which event the matter shall be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered as a separate item.

On motion of Commissioner Ruiz, seconded by Commissioner Chan, the following resolutions were adopted:

a. **PERSONNEL MATTERS** **RES. NO. 16998**

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies the actions taken by the General Manager regarding personnel matters during the period October 1, 1994 through October 31, 1994.

4. **CONSENT CALENDAR (Continued)**

b. **SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY** **RES. NO. 16999**
ANIMAL TRANSACTIONS

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies the following animal transactions for the San Francisco Zoological Society which were processed under Resolution No. 13572:

DONATED TO:
University of Alaska
Institute of Arctic Biology
P. O. Box 7000
Fairbanks, AL 99776-0180, USDA #96-C-019
One (1) Female and One (1) Male Musk Ox

DONATED FROM:
Wildlife Center of Silicon Valley
2650-B Senter Road
San Jose, CA 95111,
One (1) Female Virginia opossum

DONATED FROM:
Lee Schmidt
839 Grayson Lane
Pleasant Hill, CA 94523
One (1) Male Emu

c. **SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY** **RES. NO. 17000**
AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

RESOLVED, That this Commission accepts the San Francisco Zoological Society's audited financial statement for the year ending 6/30/94.

APPROVED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:
Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Immendorf, Rovetti, Ruiz
Absent: Commissioners Farrow, Mazzola, McArdle-Solomon

GENERAL CALENDAR

5. **SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS**
KANGAROO (MACROPOD) EXHIBIT RENOVATION

Approval of the renovations to the kangaroo (macropod) exhibit at the San Francisco Zoological Gardens.

Zoo Director, David Anderson, explained that this item is a request to approve renovations to the kangaroo exhibit by making it a larger enclosure and a single exhibit. Staff is now in the process of moving the wallabies and wallaroos to a holding area to begin mixing the species. The construction project will begin in January and take 5 months to complete. The exhibit is located on a sloped hill and the public walk will be graded to better meet the American with Disabilities (ADA) standards. The exhibit will be terraced. Staff plans to reroute the Zebra train around the lake to the Aviary.

The public will enter the exhibit through a series of 2 gates which will give them the feeling that they are actually within the exhibit. A side enclosure is included in the renovation so that the red kangaroo, which may not mix well, can be housed separately. The renovation plan includes several night enclosures for the animals.

5. **SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS**
KANGAROO (MACROPOD) EXHIBIT RENOVATION (Continued)

In response to President Immendorf's question, Mr. Anderson explained that there are a number of places in Australia that house kangaroo species together. The San Francisco Zoo has not done this in the past because there was not an area large enough to accommodate all of these animals.

On recommendation of the Joint Zoo Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Ruiz, seconded by Commissioner Chan, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 17001

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the renovations to the kangaroo (macropod) exhibit at the San Francisco Zoological Gardens.

APPROVED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:
Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Immendorf, Rovetti, Ruiz
Absent: Commissioners Farrow, Mazzola, McArdle-Solomon

6. **SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY**
ANNUAL REPORT

Presentation of the San Francisco Zoological Society's annual report on the Zoo Partnership.

Zoo Director, David Anderson, explained that part of the Lease Management Agreement between the Recreation and Park Commission and the San Francisco Zoological Society requires the Society to submit to the Commission an annual report. Mr. Anderson explained that the partnership has been in effect for one year and highlighted some of the key accomplishments:

- **Responsibilities for Animals**
  - Substantial Renovations made to the Otter Exhibit
  - Completed and Opened the Feline Conservation Center
  - Eagle Island was renovated
- **Animal Enrichment**
  - Bear Exhibit - Installed a tree for climbing and a shower device
  - Lion Exhibit - Installed additional soil and grass
  - Rhino Exhibit - Added heat to night quarters
  - Hippo Exhibit - Added heat to night quarters
  - Musk Ox Exhibit - Repaired the stream
  - African Elephant Exhibit - Added a new post, tractor tires and boomer balls and heat
  - Otter Exhibit now includes a live fish feeder
  - Leopard Exhibit - Has computerized acoustic prey devices for stimulation
- **Under Development**
  - Australian Area — Small renovation for the Flamingo Exhibit
  - South American Gateway which replaces Monkey Island
  - Mammal and Avian Conservation Centers
  - American With Disabilities Act (ADA) Compliance includes new restrooms and accessible ramping for the Sloat Boulevard entrance to the Zoo and Zoo Shop.
  - Utility Infrastructure System

6. **SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY**
ANNUAL REPORT (Continued)

•**Animal Collection**
Gorilla Baby was born
Bwana, the Silverback Male Gorilla passed away
New Male Black Rhino was acquired for breeding program
Acquired a New Male Ostrich for the breeding program
Musk Ox Calves were born
Birth of Koala and Wallaby
Acquired a new Female Otter for 2 Male Otters

In the past, there have been issues relating to the Zoo's veterinary program. However, the veterinary team is now considered top rated. Although the chief veterinarian will soon be leaving, the Zoological Society plans to begin an immediate effort to recruit a replacement.

•**Conservation Highlights**
The Bald Eagle Release Program continues
Three Andean Condors were recently released to Columbia, South America
Expanding the program in Madagascar
Negotiating to sponsor a South American for field conservation program.

•**Responsibilities to the Employees at the Zoo** The Zoo has reorganized and is now one single operation. The Zoo now has its own purchasing division and has created its own human resources department which works closely with the Recreation and Park Department's personnel officer. The support from the Department has been extremely important in making this partnership successful. There has also been assistance from the City's Civil Service Department to manage the remaining Civil Service employees at the Zoo. Since the partnership agreement the Zoo has suffered no layoffs, and has added new positions to replace some that were deleted through budget reductions made in the prior 3 years:

2 Positions in Animal Care	2 Custodial Positions	1 Marketing Position
1 Maintenance Positions	1 Security Position	

•**Responsibilities to the Public**
Docent Program has reached 7,000 school children and groups with special needs
15,000 people/disadvantaged groups visit the Zoo free of charge
The Zoo conducts workshops for teachers so that they understand how the students can use the Zoo in a good manner
Zoo Mobile Program has reached 10,000 people
48,000 volunteer hours were given to the Zoo

•**Advertising Campaign and New Logo** The advertising campaign and new logo were created pro bono for the Zoological Society. Summer attendance figures were up 20% and 95% of Zoo visitors rated it good or excellent. This is the highest rating the Zoo has seen in the last 5 years. Media coverage has been excellent and special events at the Zoo such as the Zoo Run and Zoofest have become more popular. The annual night tour event set a record for the highest attendance ever.

6. **SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY**
ANNUAL REPORT (Continued)

The Joint Zoo Committee has been very important and there have been 11 meetings with an average of 25 people attending the meetings. There have been Zoo tours, and informational presentations given to the Committee and the public. All of the animal transactions were discussed at the Committee level and the Recreation and Park Commission still oversees the Zoo, reviewing and approving capital projects, budget and major policies.

•**Attendance Figures** The attendance figures had declined in the past years and re-building attendance to 1 Million people per year is an important objective.

	1993	1994	1995
Attendance	722,000	693,000	up 20% year-to-date
Members	27,000	27,000	28,500 year-to-date
Revenue	$10.1 Million	$12.9 Million	$14.1 Million projected
Net Loss	$290,000	$520,000	$1.0 Million*
Capital Investment	$419,000	$2.1 Million	$3+ Million estimated

*This is a planned deficit. The Society's budgeted Founders Fund transition dollars to cover these expenditures until increased revenues make up the deficit.

Mr. Anderson completed his remarks saying that creating a partnership was a tough decision and task. The Zoo was in a desperate situation in terms of its accreditation and being able to provide quality animal care. The Recreation and Park Commission took a bold step in approving the partnership which is working well. The partnership's first year can serve as an example of a successful venture between the City and a non-profit organization.

On behalf of the Commission, President Immendorf thanked Mr. Anderson, the Zoological Society and everyone involved in the operation of the Zoo. He recounted that when he began his term on the Commission discussions were taking place about closing the Zoo. He felt the partnership was working well and that one could look to previous administrations and commissioners for spearheading this innovative plan.

Commissioner Rovetti said that he felt staff at the Zoo was doing a tremendous job.

Commissioner Ruiz said that initially the partnership was portrayed by the newspapers as something that would fail. He felt it would be nice if the media could now emphasize the positive results and accomplishments that have occurred as a result of this partnership.

Note for the Record: The Commission took no formal action on this item.

7. **PERMIT AND RESERVATIONS POLICY**
SIX MONTH REVIEW

Review of the Permit and Reservation Policy for use of facilities under the jurisdiction of the Recreation and Park Department as required by Park Code Section 7.03, Resolution 16907.

7. **PERMIT AND RESERVATIONS POLICY**
SIX MONTH REVIEW (Continued)

Superintendent of Recreation, Joel Robinson, explained that Commission policy requires staff to report every six months on the Permit and Reservation Policy and to propose modifications that may be necessary. Mr. Robinson outlined the proposed modifications:

❶Standardize the time allowed for amplified sound at the Bandshell and Sharon Meadow to make it consistent so that it will be permitted from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

❷Potrero del Sol. Staff has received complaints in the past from the community about events that used amplified sound even if the events abided by the terms of the policy. Staff received only a few requests for amplified sound at this park and he therefore proposed that amplified sound be prohibited at Potrero del Sol. He felt that the few requests for amplified sound could be relocated to Dolores Park.

❸Previously the Commission gave staff the authority to administratively approve multiple day events that had taken place without incident or permit violations. President Immendorf has requested that the Commission review all multiple day events in the future. Mr. Robinson therefore proposed deletion of this language in the policy.

❹American With Disabilities Act (ADA). There is language in the policy that addresses the needs relating to restrooms and accessibility. However, the policy does not clearly spell out the requirements and guidelines in light of the ADA policy. He proposed that language be added detailing the requirements and guidelines in light of the ADA policy.

In response to Commissioner Ruiz's question, Mr. Robinson explained that amplified sound does not include the use of a 10 watt hand held speaker which does not require a permit from the Police Department.

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Chan, seconded by Commissioner Rovetti, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 17002

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the revisions to the Permit and Reservation Policy for use of facilities under the jurisdiction of the Recreation and Park Department as required by Park Code Section 7.03.

APPROVED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:
Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Immendorf, Rovetti, Ruiz
Absent: Commissioners Farrow, Mazzola, McArdle-Solomon

8. **MISSION PLAYGROUND**
PLAY AREA RENOVATION

Approval of children's play area renovation at Mission Playground.

Park Planner, Joanne Wilson, displayed a drawing of Mission Playground, which is adjacent to 19th and Valencia Streets. There is a recreation building, a basketball and tennis area, a multi purpose baseball area and a children's playground. The condition of the existing children's play area is dilapidated, and does not meet current safety standards or disabled access requirements. The proposed renovation includes three main areas:

A tiny tot area for small children where the emphasis is on lower body development with a series of platforms, a clatter bridge, slide, climbers and a sand play area.
A play area for older children emphasizing upper and lower body development. There are 4 main platforms that are connected by climbing apparatus and a clatter bridge.
The active area where swings will be located: 2 swings for tots, a tire swing and 4 standard size swings.

A ramp to provide disabled access will be attached to the upper levels of the play area so that there is more social interaction opportunities for children in wheelchairs. Other improvements include new fencing fabric on the existing fence, modifying the pathway for disabled access around the playground, and safety surface matting at the various transfer points in the playground. Staff was able to expand the play area by using an existing asphalt paved area.

In response to President Immendorf's questions, Ms. Wilson explained that a combination of safety matting and sand was used at the playground. Safety surface matting was not used throughout the entire play area because it would cost an additional $100,000. The surface complies with the Americans with Disability Act (ADA) access requirements and children in wheelchairs will be able to access the playground via transfer points as well as a special ramp. By providing a special ramp, the play area design exceeds current accessibility requirements. The restrooms are located in the building and are accessible from the inside of the building.

General Manager, Mary E. Burns, explained that the restrooms are accessible from the outside as well but are usually kept locked for safety reasons. However, it does provide the option that if the building itself is not staffed, the restrooms can be opened from the outside.

In response to President Immendorf's comments, Ms. Wilson explained that the community has requested that the project include signage stating that the play area is for children only and that adults must be accompanied by a child. The budget for the project is $200,000 and $25,000 to date has been banked through the City's Open Space Fund. Staff has applied for a grant through the Mayor's Office of Community Development and it is estimated that $96,000 will be received from this grant.

Ms. Wilson explained that at night people who are involved in illegal or undesirable activities often cut through the park. The planning staff is working on improvements to other areas of the park and will be considering solutions to protect the park.

8. **MISSION PLAYGROUND**
PLAY AREA RENOVATION (Continued) **RES. NO. 17003**

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Chan, seconded by Commissioner Ruiz, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves children's play area renovation at Mission Playground.

APPROVED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:
Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Immendorf, Rovetti, Ruiz
Absent: Commissioners Farrow, Mazzola, McArdle-Solomon

9. **ST. MARY'S SQUARE**
PUBLIC RESTROOM INSTALLATION

Approval of public toilet installation at St. Mary's Square.

Park Planner, Deborah Learner, explained that a request has been made to place a handicap accessible public restroom at St. Mary's Square. The restroom will be maintained through a contract the City has with J. C. DeCaux Company. Staff feels the restroom will be placed in an advantageous location and the proposal stipulates that the advertising kiosks will not be placed on park property. Locations other than park property will have to be identifiied for the advertising kiosks.

In response to President Immendorf's question regarding the advertising kiosks, **General Manager, Mary E. Burns** said that the sidewalk adjacent to the park is not wide enough to place an advertising kiosk and that J. C. DeCaux has an opportunity to place advertising kiosks at other locations.

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Rovetti, seconded by Commissioner Chan, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 17004

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the public toilet installation at St. Mary's Square.

APPROVED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:
Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Immendorf, Rovetti, Ruiz
Absent: Commissioners Farrow, Mazzola, McArdle-Solomon

10. **OPEN SPACE PROGRAM**
FIVE YEAR PLAN

Approval of five year Open Space Program Plan.

Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold, explained that the Charter requires that there be a five year plan for Open Space expenditures and requires that the plan be updated annually. Once the plan is approved by the Commission it becomes the plan by which Open Space allocations are guided in the yearly planning process.

10. OPEN SPACE PROGRAM
FIVE YEAR PLAN (Continued)

The Open Space Advisory Committee has reviewed the 5 year plan and made some suggested modifications:

Establish goals and objectives to coordinate with the School District Community School Program and Redevelopment Agency projects.

Revenues are estimated at $16 Million for next year's program. This dollar amount is the same level as this year's program. The Open Space Program has identified the costs for acquisition of multi year projects. The allocations have been established to give the Open Space Committee a guide.

The Five Year Plan identifies the specific proposals that are before the Open Space Committee for their review, consideration and eventual recommendation to the Commission. There are a substantial number of individual proposals.

In response to Commissioner Ruiz's question regarding soccer fields, Mr. Arnold explained that this past year a new category was set up to identify and fund the development of new soccer/athletic fields and the primary focus was to the lack of soccer fields in the Mission District. The City's major soccer fields are located in Golden Gate Park and Crocker Amazon and there is one practice field in the Mission. The Open Space Committee felt it would be appropriate to locate and fund a site for a major soccer field hopefully in the Mission. It appears that there may be a site in the Mission at 19th and Harrison Street.

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Ruiz, seconded by Commissioner Rovetti, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 17005

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the five year Open Space Program Plan.

APPROVED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:
Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Immendorf, Rovetti, Ruiz
Absent: Commissioners Farrow, Mazzola, McArdle-Solomon

11. RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT
RENEWAL OF NURSERY SCHOOL LEASES

Approval of renewal of nursery school leases at the following Recreation and Park Department properties:

- Haight Ashbury Cooperative at Grattan Playground (one year with four, one-year options)
- Glenridge Cooperative at Glen Park (one year only)
- Rocky Mountain Participation at Peixotto Playground (one year with four, one-year options)

11. RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT
RENEWAL OF NURSERY SCHOOL LEASES (Continued)

Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold, explained that these 3 nursery schools have had long term leases with Recreation and Park which expired last June. Staff has reviewed each of them and supports their continued operation. Staff recommended a one year lease with 4 one year options retroactive to 6/1/94 for Haight Ashbury and Rocky Mountain Participation.

The same recommendation is not being made for Glenridge Nursery School at this time because there is an environmental issue relating to Glen Canyon. It relates to drivers bringing their cars into the Canyon to drop off and pick up children at the nursery school. The Department also uses this site for one of its day camp programs (Silver Tree). The site is located in a very sensitive natural area and staff is involved in developing a master plan for this site. It is not consistent to have vehicles traveling in and out of the Canyon area each day and a number of people have expressed concern. Therefore, staff recommended a one year lease for this site so that staff can meet with the nursery school, and the environmental community to discuss this issue.

On recommendation of the Finance and Candlestick Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Ruiz, seconded by Commissioner Rovetti, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 17006

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the renewal of nursery school leases at the following Recreation and Park Department properties:

- Haight Ashbury Cooperative at Grattan Playground (one year with four, one-year options)
- Glenridge Cooperative at Glen Park (one year only)
- Rocky Mountain Participation at Peixotto Playground (one year with four, one-year options)

APPROVED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:
Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Immendorf, Rovetti, Ruiz
Absent: Commissioners Farrow, Mazzola; McArdle-Solomon

12. MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSES
AUTOMATED TEE-TIME SYSTEM

Approval of new procedures for Automated Tee Time Services on Municipal Golf Courses and reservation fee effective March 1, 1995.

Note for the Record: This item was removed from the Calendar.

13. RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT
MISSION STATEMENT
PROGRAM FORMAT FOR 1995-1996 BUDGET REQUEST

Approval of revised Mission Statement and revised program format for 1995-1996 budget request for the Recreation and Park Department.

13. **RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT**
MISSION STATEMENT
PROGRAM FORMAT FOR 1995-1996 BUDGET REQUEST (Continued)

Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold, explained that the Recreation and Park Department is one of the 20 City departments that has been selected to participate in the mission driven budget program. This program requires the Department to establish a strategic plan, a mission and goal statement and to establish measurable objectives. Last spring the Commission adopted a mission statement for the Department. In reviewing that mission statement and the new requirements of a mission drivien budget a a modified mission statement was developed by a group of staff people who meet periodically with the General Manager to discuss strategic plans for the Department.

The proposed new mission statement will help staff to develop the mission and goals for the upcoming budget process. The revised mission statement reads as follows:

The San Francisco Recreation and Park Department provides quality recreation and leisure experiences essential to San Franciscans and visitors. We offer:

Safe and well maintained facilities and parks;
Opportunities for physical recreation and positive social and personal development;
Partnerships with the community recognizing shared needs and values; and
Environmental stewardship

Staff recommended that the Department be reconfigured into 6 programs; currently the Department has 11 different programs. The six programs would be grouped as follows:

Golden Gate Park	Candlestick Park	SF Marina
City wide Park Services	City wide Recreation	
Administrative and Support Services		

If this receives approval, staff will then format the budget under these 6 programs.

Mr. Arnold explained that the Mayor's budget staff has proposed a $10 Million reduction in the Children's Fund City wide for next year. The Department receives approximately $8.5 Million from the Children's Fund. The Mayor's Budget Staff has developed 3 tiers for City Departments with Police, Fire, Sheriff and Muni considered the "A" priority and Recreation and Park considered as a "C" priority. It is unclear which city department are considered "B' priority.

On recommendation of the Finance and Candlestick Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Ruiz, seconded by Commissioner Rovetti, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 17007

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the revised Mission Statement and revised program format for 1995-1996 budget request for the Recreation and Park Department.

APPROVED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:
Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Immendorf, Rovetti, Ruiz
Absent: Commissioners Farrow, Mazzola, McArdle-Solomon

3:25 p.m. to 3:29 p.m. the Commission convened in Executive Session regarding Item #14.

14. SETTLEMENT OF CLAIM

On recommendation of Finance and Candlestick Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Chan, seconded by Commissioner Rovetti, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 17008

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the proposed settlement of the litigated claim of Debra Rominger in the amount of $15,000.

APPROVED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:
Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Immendorf, Rovetti, Ruiz
Absent: Commissioners Farrow, Mazzola, McArdle-Solomon

15. PUBLIC COMMENT

Lena Emery, asked the Commission the status on the evaluation of the Haight Ashbury Neighborhood Council (HANC) lease. There had been discussion about conducting a survey of comparable rents for the area so that if the HANC permit is renewed consideration is given to charge fair market value rent for use of the park land.

President Immendorf explained that Commissioner Mazzola has made inquires on this issue and staff is awaiting a response to his query.

Emeric Kalman, noted that the Golf Tee Starting Item (Item 12) was withdrawn from the agenda and read that the contract had been awarded and that another party had filed suit. He wanted to know who was awarded the contract and whom had filed a lawsuit. He asked if the contract was associated with Robert Lurie. Secondly, he discussed the Marina Yacht Harbor and said there are vacant berths which result in lost revenues to the City. He received a letter from the Superintendent of Parks, Ron deLeon, about the issue of empty berths and said the letter was vague. Mr. Kalman's documentation showed that as of 3/1/94 there were 50 unassigned berths. He was informed that Garrett Furuichi is no longer working at the Department and wanted to know who had replaced him when he has questions of staff.

Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold, explained that Mr. Kalman should discuss the issue of vacant berths with Mr. de Leon or himself; if it was a question of revenues, Mr. Kalman should contact Ms. Etai Chen; and if it was a question of budget he should contact Manuel Valle. Mr. Arnold further explained that at times Mr. Kalman's questions are rather complex and it would be helpful to know what Mr. Kalman was asking so that he could steer the question towards the appropriate staff person.

President Immendorf further explained that Fairway System was the successful bidder for the Golf Tee Starting Time contract. He was unaware of any lawsuit.

15. **PUBLIC COMMENT (Continued)**

Kevin Drew, representing the Haight Ashbury Neighborhood Council (HANC) Recycling Center, updated the Commission on the Center's efforts to find another site, and explained he has had conversations with representatives at the Port and the Chief Administrative Officer regarding a location for the recycling center. HANC received their contract from the City's Office of Recycling and received $4000 additional funding for recycling in Golden Gate Park. A community meeting was held with the neighbors about the recycling center in October and another meeting will be held in January. The center had a work party of 20 students from one of the middle schools and they cleaned the Kezar Corner.

16. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Immendorf explained that the issue of the Golden Gate Park Stables lease was heard at the October Finance and Candlestick Committee meeting where some accusations were made which staff is reviewing. There was some discussion about whether the matter would be considered at the Finance and Candlestick Committee meeting in December or be considered directly by the full Commission on December 15, 1994. President Immendorf said that it was his understanding that Commissioner Mazzola intended it to be considered at the Committee level. Therefore, he asked the Commission Secretary to contact the Commissioner to clarify this question and to see if he had any objection to having the Commission consider it directly at the December 15, 1994 meeting.

President Immendorf also informed the Commission that Sue Sommer resigned from the Commission on 11/1/94. Mayor Jordan appointed Elizabeth McArdle-Solomon on 11/3/94.

Commissioner Rovetti felt it was wise to bypass the Committee meeting for the Stable lease and raised another issue. He wanted to have an item on future agendas entitled "Commissioner Issues or Matters" so that items that have been discussed in the past can be discussed. He explained that two months ago he raised the issue of the parking problem at Matthew Boxer Stadium. Presently, City College students use the parking lot all day and night and it cannot be used by park users. He wanted some sort of resolution to this problem.

Superintendent of Parks, Ron de Leon, said that it appears that the lot is being used by City College students and he has asked staff to monitor the area yet, to date, not one complaint has been registered with the Department.

17. **COMMISSION COMMITTEE REPORTS**

The following Commission Committee reports were submitted for the record:

- Joint Zoo Committee meeting of October 5, 1994
- Parks and Planning Committee meeting of November 1, 1994
- Finance and Candlestick Committee Meeting of November 3, 1994

18. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Commissioner Chan, the meeting was adjourned in memory of the Carl Kalbsleisch, father of Peggy Burks, the Executive Director of the San Francisco Zoological Society.

There being no further business, the 698th Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shauna Marie Rose
Commission Secretary

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MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1, 1994 - 2:00 P.M.

The Special Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Thursday, December 1, 1994 at 2:00 p.m. by President Jack Immendorf.

1. **ROLL CALL**

Present: Commissioner Jack Immendorf, President
Commissioner Sidney Chan
Commissioner Bella Farrow
Commissioner Elizabeth McArdle-Solomon
Commissioner Vincent J. Rovetti
Commissioner Santiago Ruiz
Absent: Commissioner Larry Mazzola, Vice President

2. **CANDLESTICK PARK**
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS
MODIFICATION TO SIXTH AMENDMENT OF LEASE

Consideration of modifications to the sixth amendment of the lease with the San Francisco Giants.

President Jack Immendorf explained that the Commission approved the sixth amendment of the lease with the Giants in September, 1994 and the lease amendment was forwarded to the Board of Supervisors' Budget Committee. As a result of the report from the Board's Budget Analyst, some changes were recommended by the Budget Committee. The Giants agreed to those changes and the sixth amendment is now before the Commission for approval. He noted that the proposed modifications will generate more revenue to the Department.

Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold, explained that the Board of Supervisors' Budget Committee reviewed the Budget Analyst's report and asked for several modifications. The Board of Supervisors cannot amend the lease, they may only accept or reject the lease. However, the lease with the proposed modifications is calendared to be considered by the Board of Supervisors on Monday, December 5, 1994, contingent upon approval from the Recreation and Park Commission. The Board's Budget Committee has approved all of these changes. The Mr. Arnold outlined the modifications:

2. CANDLESTICK PARK
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS
MODIFICATION TO SIXTH AMENDMENT OF LEASE (Continued)

Stadium Operator Admission Tax Currently a $.50 per ticket stadium operator admission tax is assessed on SF 49ers and SF Giants tickets. Each year the Board of Supervisors has waived this $.50 stadium operator admission tax except when attendance at a baseball games exceed 42,500. The Giants were seeking to have this waiver continued in the lease regardless of attendance levels but the Budget Committee did not want this change. The Giants have therefore agreed to pay the stadium operator tax for baseball games where attendance exceeds 42,500. There is also a stadium operator admission tax of $1.50 on tickets costing $25.01 or more. There are less than 300 field level seats for baseball which cost more than $25.01. This modification will generate $80,000 in revenue for the Department.

Clarification on Security within the Stadium. This clause clarifies the issue that the Giants will pay for the full cost of security inside the stadium. The original amendment used the term "reasonable cost". The Budget Analyst said that the term "reasonable" did not necessarily mean "actual" and calculated that perhaps as much as $275,000 in police costs could be at issue with the term "reasonable cost". The amendment has been clarified to read that the Giants will pay for all actual costs of security inside the stadium.

In response to Commissioner Rovetti's question, Mr. Arnold explained that the language will now read, "If the Police Department and the tenant are unable to agree on an amount that constitutes the actual cost of such uniformed police, then the Chief of Police shall determine the amount." The Budget Committee asked that this language be included in the lease amendment and the Giants have agreed to this change.

Rent Credits The lease modification approved by the Commission in October allowed for rent credits above $50,000 with the approval of the Recreation and Park Commission. The Budget Committee of the Board of Supervisors also wanted approval rights on any rent credit above $50,000. The language has been modified to reflect this change.

On motion of Commissioner Rovetti, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 17009

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the modifications to the sixth amendment of the lease with the San Francisco Giants.

Approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Farrow, Immendorf, McArdle-Solomon, Rovetti, Ruiz
Absent: Commissioner Mazzola

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

At this time members of the public may address the Commission on items that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Recreation and Park Commission. Members of the public may address the Commission for up to three minutes. The President or the Commission may limit the total testimony to 30 minutes.

Note for the Record: No public comment was received.

4. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Special Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shauna Marie Rose
Commission Secretary

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REGULAR MEETING

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1994 - 2:00 P.M.

The Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Thursday, December 15, 1994 at 2:00 p.m. by President Jack Immendorf.

1. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioner Jack Immendorf, President
Commissioner Sidney Chan
Commissioner Larry Mazzola, Vice President
Commissioner Bella Farrow
Commissioner Elizabeth McArdle-Solomon (noted present at 2:03 p.m.)
Commissioner Vincent J. Rovetti
Commissioner Santiago Ruiz

2. GOLDEN GATE PARK GOLDEN GATE PARK STABLES AWARD OF LEASE

Consideration of the award of the lease for the Golden Gate Park Stables.

Note for the Record: This item was removed from the Calendar.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Commissioner Ruiz, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 17, 1994, and the minutes of the Special Meeting of December 1, 1994, were approved as presented.

The Commission unanimously approved this item.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters listed hereunder constitute a Consent Calendar, are considered to be routine by the Recreation and Park Commission and will be acted upon by a single roll call vote of the Commission. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member so requests, in which event the matter shall be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered as a separate item.

On motion of Commissioner Rovetti, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolutions were adopted:

4. **CONSENT CALENDAR (Continued)**

a. **PERSONNEL MATTERS** — **RES. NO. 17010**

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies the actions taken by the General Mana regarding personnel matters during the period November 1, 1994 through Decembe 1994.

b. **SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY** — **RES. NO. 17011**
ANIMAL TRANSACTIONS

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies the following animal transactions for the Francisco Zoological Society which were processed under Resolution No. 13572:

DONATED FROM:
No. Carolina State University, College of
Veterinary Medicine, 4700 Hillsborough St.
Raleigh, North Carolina
Four (4) Marine Toads, Unknown Sex

PURCHASED FROM:
Fort Worth Zoo
1989 Colonial Parkway
Fort Worth, Texas 76110-6410, USDA #74-
Two (2) Male & Two (2) Female Palm T
and One (1) Male and Two (2) Female
Finches valued at $375.00.

DONATED TO:
Chaffee Zoological Gardens of Fresno
894 West Belmont Avenue
Fresno, CA 937-28-2891
One (1) Female South American Tapir

c. **GOLDEN GATE PARK** — **RES. NO. 17012**
SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY FAIR BUILDING
SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY FAIR/FLOWER SHOW BUDGET

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the 1995 San Francisco Co Fair/Flower Show budget.

d. **LINCOLN PARK GOLF COURSE** — **RES. NO. 17013**
LINCOLN PARK GOLF COURSE RESTAURANT
FOOD AND BEVERAGE PRICE INCREASE

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies the food and beverage price increase o Lincoln Park Golf Course Restaurant.

e. **GOLDEN GATE PARK GOLF COURSE** — **RES. NO. 17014**
GOLDEN GATE PARK GOLF COURSE RESTAURANT
FOOD AND BEVERAGE PRICE INCREASE

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies the food and beverage price increase o Golden Gate Park Golf Course Restaurant.

f. **GOLF COURSES** — **RES. NO. 17015**
JUNIOR GOLF TOURNAMENTS

RESOLVED, That this Commission grants approval to allow up to four Junior Tournaments per year at each City golf course.

4. **CONSENT CALENDAR (Continued)**

g. **SGT. JOHN MACAULAY PARK** **RES. NO. 17016**
RESTRICTION OF HOURS OF OPERATION

RESOLVED, That this Commission grants approval for Sergeant John Macaulay Park to be open from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. during standard time and from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. during daylight savings time.

The Commission unanimously approved this item.

GENERAL CALENDAR

5. **JUSTIN HERMAN PLAZA**
FENCING AND PERMIT FEE

Approval of a fencing plan for the New Year's Eve Party, "The Big Block Party", produced by Bill Graham Presents on December 31, 1994 at Justin Herman Plaza and the permit fee.

Superintendent of Recreation, Joel Robinson, explained that this item is a request from Bill Graham Presents to place a fence around the perimeter of Justin Herman Plaza. Three columns will be constructed at the fenced area to serve as the grand entry way to the event where there will be a $65 admission charge. Events will be occurring at Embarcadero 4, the Hyatt Regency, Port Commission property, and the ice rink that is now in place at Justin Herman Plaza. The event will begin at 8:00 p.m. on December 31, 1994 and end at 2:00 a.m. on January 1, 1995. There will be no amplified sound at Justin Herman Plaza other than the music that is used for the ice skating rink. Guests of the Hyatt Regency will be given free tickets to this event. The event promoter expects 4,000-5,000 people will attend this event. The promoter will submit the fencing plan to the Park Division for its review and approval.

Traditionally the permit fee for any event that fences and charges an admission is based on 25% of the gate receipts. However, since the primary activities for this event will not occur on Recreation and Park property it was difficult to develop an appropriate fee. The sponsor has requested to pay a permit fee of $2,500. In addition, Bill Graham Presents have made a commitment to produce a fundraising event for the Department in 1995 that will generate $50,000-$100,000.

In response to Commissioner Rovetti's question, Mr. Robinson explained that the Department will not bear any costs associated with this event; the sponsor will pay for security, fencing, clean-up costs, and offer a $10,000 bond for damages as well as providing insurance. Commissioner Rovetti explained that merchants from the Fisherman's Wharf were not pleased with this event because of the road closure of the Embarcadero. Mr. Robinson explained that other City Departments have already granted approval for the road closure.

Commissioner Farrow asked if staff had received a commitment in writing from Bill Graham Presents to stage a fund raising event for the Department. President Immendorf explained that he spoke to Greg Perloff of Bill Graham Presents who informed him that they will help produce a fundraising event with assistance from Friends of Recreation and Parks.

5. **JUSTIN HERMAN PLAZA**
FENCING AND PERMIT FEE (Continued)

Commissioner Chan said that at the Committee level the permit fee discussed $10,000. President Immendorf said the permit fee was reduced to $2,500 becaus the commitment to stage a future fundraising event for Recreation and Park. Robinson clarified the point that the $10,000 fee was arbitrarily set without any spe guidelines.

Commission Rovetti was concerned that $1 Million liability was not sufficient. **Gen Manager Mary E. Burns**, explained that this dollar amount was recommended by City's Risk Manager and is standard for all permits issued by the Department. If it v to be changed all of the other permits would have to changed.

In response to Commissioner Mazzola's question, Mr. Robinson said Bill Gra Presents used a local firm for fencing a prior event but he did not know the name of firm that was going to be used for this event.

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning Committee, and on motion Commissioner Ruiz, seconded by Commissioner Chan, the following resolution adopted:

RES. NO. 17017

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the fencing plan for the New Year's Party, "The Big Block Party", produced by Bill Graham Presents on December 31, 1 at Justin Herman Plaza, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That Bill Graham Presents will pay a permit fee in the amour $2,500 and has agreed to produce a future fundraising event to benefit the Recrea and Park Department.

Approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Commissioners Immendorf, Chan, Farrow, McArdle-Solomon, Rovetti, Ruiz
Noes: Commissioner Mazzola

6. **GOLF COURSES**
GOLF CART RENTAL FEE INCREASE

Approval to increase golf cart rental fees by $2.00 at City golf courses, effective 1/1/9

Golf Director, Bob Killian, explained that this item is a request from the concessiona at Harding, Fleming, Lincoln, and Sharp Park golf courses to increase golf cart re rates. He explained that 98% of golf tournaments require golf carts. The lessees h not had an increase since June, 1992 and have experienced increased costs in repla the golf cart fleet. The Department receives 25% of the cart fees at Harding, Flem and Lincoln and 20% at Sharp Park.

In response to several questions raised at the Committee level, Mr. Killian explained th

⇨The concessionaire must carry $1 Million liability insurance;
⇨The golf cart rental increase will generate approximately $20,000 for the Departm annually.

6. **GOLF COURSES**
GOLF CART RENTAL FEE INCREASE (Continued)

⇨The termination dates for the Department's golf course leases are:

Harding Park Golf Course:	April 30, 1998
Lincoln Park Golf Course:	April 30, 1998
Fleming Golf Course:	April 30, 1998
Sharp Park Golf Course:	April 30, 2003
McLaren Park Golf Course:	March 31, 2000
Golden Gate Park Golf Course:	March 31, 1997

⇨A survey of 13 golf courses showed the average cart rental rate is $21.77; only 2 of the courses surveyed offered a senior rate
⇨The average 9 hole rate for a single rider is $15.50.

Commissioner McArdle-Solomon explained that she asked staff to analyze the fee charged for a single rider because she felt the wear and tear on the golf cart was the same regardless of the number of riders. Commissioner Rovetti said that normally golf courses charge half the full rate for a single rider. Mr. Killian explained that his survey found 5 golf courses charge half.

On recommendation of the Golf, Yacht Harbor and Camp Mather Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Rovetti, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 17018

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves an increase golf cart rental fees effective 1/1/95, as follows:

	Present	Approved
Golf Cart Rental Rate	$20.00	$22.00
Golf Cart Rental Rate (Seniors)	$18.00	$20.00
Single Rider Rental Rate	$10.00	$11.00
Golf Cart Single Rental Rate (Seniors)	$ 9.00	$10.00

The Commission unanimously approved this item.

7. **MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSES**
AUTOMATED TEE-TIME SYSTEM
RESERVATION FEE

Approval of new procedures for automated tee time services on municipal golf courses and implementation of a $1.00 reservation fee effective March 1, 1995.

Golf Director, Bob Killian, explained that historically there have been problems associated with the tee time reservation system. For example, the City's Grand Jury did not like the penciled starter sheets used at the Department golf courses and Supervisor Barbara Kaufman suggested the Department consider an automated tee time system. The Department has now obtained a tee time service from a firm called Fairway Systems and the system will begin operation on 7:00 p.m., 12/16/94.

7. **MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSES**
AUTOMATED TEE-TIME SYSTEM
RESERVATION FEE (Continued)

Presently, tee time reservations are made on Tuesday for Saturday, and Wednesday Sunday. With the new automated tee time system all reservations will be made five d in advance beginning at 7:00 p.m. The system will only allow San Francisco resident make advance weekend and holiday reservations. Several years ago the Commiss issued resident cards to citizens of Pacifica for use at Sharp Park. Those hold Pacifica resident cards will be able to make advance weekend and holiday reservati at Sharp Park Golf Course only.

There will be a 90 day trial period after which staff will report to the Commission on new system. It is hoped that the revenue generated from the new system will specifically earmarked for the golf courses.

A question was raised at the Committee level about how the hearing impaired or spe impaired will use the system. A person with these impairments can make the reservat by following the instruction in the informational booklet. The system will not all individuals with a rotary phone to make a reservation. However, sometime next ye Fairway Systems will have a voice activated system for those with rotary phones.

A $1.00 reservation fee will be charged for each tee time after the 90 day trial. reservation is made and is not used, the computer system will record that absence. T Commission will have to develop rules or fines for those who abuse the reservat system.

In response to Commissioner McArdle-Solomon's question, Mr. Killian explained that automated tee time system will handle 24 calls at one time.

Commissioner Rovetti wanted the revenue generated from this system to be earmark specifically for the golf courses rather than going to the City's General Fund. **Gene Manager, Mary E. Burns,** explained that when the golf course leases are renewed th will be an opportunity to protect some of the funds generated from golf.

On recommendation of the Golf, Yacht Harbor and Camp Mather Committee, and motion of Commissioner Rovetti, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the follow resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 17019

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the new procedures for automated tee ti services on municipal golf courses and implementation of a $1.00 reservation f effective March 1, 1995.

The Commission unanimously approved this item.

8. **CAMP MATHER**
FEE INCREASE

Approval of a fee increase at Camp Mather for the 1995 season.

S.F. RESIDENTS				
Cabin Size	Current Cabin Weekly	Proposed Cabin Weekly	Current Cabin Nightly	Proposed Cabin Nightly
2 Person	$250	$263	$45	$47
3 Person	$340	$357	$60	$63
4 Person	$420	$441	$75	$79
5 Person	$490	$515	$90	$95
6 Person	$550	$578	$110	$116
4 Person Tent Site	$100	$105	$20	$21
NON RESIDENTS				
Cabin Size	Current Cabin Weekly	Proposed Cabin Weekly	Current Cabin Nightly	Proposed Cabin Nightly
2 Person	$300	$315	$50	$53
3 Person	$415	$436	$70	$74
4 Person	$500	$525	$85	$89
5 Person	$585	$614	$100	$105
6 Person	$670	$704	$115	$121
4 Person Tent Site	$120	$126	$24	$25

CHART OF MEAL FEES						
Age Group	Current Weekly Meal Rate	Proposed Weekly Meal Rate	Current Daily Meal Rate	Proposed Daily Meal Rate	Current Day Use Rate	Proposed Day Use Rate
Adult (age 13 plus)	$125	$131	$20	$21	$5	$5.25
Youth (Age 6 to 12)	$75	$79	$12	$13	$2.50	$2.60
Child (Age 2 to 5)	$70	$74	$10	$11	$2.50	$2.60
Infant (Under age 2)	Free	Free	Free	Free	Free	Free

Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold, explained that this item is a request to increase fees at Camp Mather. Fees were last increased for the 1992 season. Staff prepared a comparison of fees charged at other nearby camps and found the proposed fees to be comparable. At the Committee level a question was raised on the 5% increase and staff was asked to calculate a fee increase based on 6 to 10% increase. Staff prepared this analysis and found that the Camp Mather fees would be the second highest of the six camps surveyed at either the 5% increase or 10% increase. The fees cover the cost of operating and maintaining Camp Mather. Last year's total revenue for Camp Mather was approximately $1 Million and staff did not hear any comments that the cost was prohibitive. The ratio of residents/non residents who use the camp is 75% to 25%.

Commissioner McArdle-Solomon said at the Committee level it was explained that any additional revenue generated by the increase might be used to purchase needed equipment for Camp Mather. She felt that a 10% increase should be considered in an effort to generate revenues and since attendance levels were so high.

Mr. Arnold explained that Camp Mather was filled to 98% last season and there was a waiting list for some of the dates.

Commissioner Rovetti said that if the rates are raised 10% then fees may not have to be raised next year. He felt the facility was beautiful and the meal fees were reasonable.

8. **CAMP MATHER**
FEE INCREASE (Continued)

Commissioner Ruiz concurred that Camp Mather is a beautiful facility but every cannot afford to use camp. He did not think the facility was economical and wanted i be affordable.

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding increasing fees for residents, imposing a hig fee schedule for non residents, retaining the present rates for tent sites, and whethe not to increase meal fees.

General Manager, Mary E. Burns, commented that when different rates are charged residents and non residents, people use all types of schemes to get the resident rate.

The Commission directed staff to develop a fee increase based on 10% with exception of the tent rates for San Francisco residents and to calendar this issue for n month's meeting.

9. **RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT**
RECREATION DIVISION
SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION REQUEST

Approval of request for Supplemental Appropriation in the amount of $250,000 to submitted to the Board of Supervisors regarding shortfall in mandatory fringe benefits the Recreation Division for fiscal year 1994-95.

Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold, explained that staff monitors salary expen on a monthly basis and has found that some miscalculations were made. T Recreation Division has approximately $3 Million in salary costs for tempor employees. Many of the Recreation Division employees work more than 20 hours a are thus entitled to fringe benefits. The City's budget system automatically calcula fringe benefit costs for full time employees but does not for part time/as nee employees. However, employees who work more than 20 hours are entitled to frin benefits and premium pay. Staff has monitored the fringe benefit costs for tempor salaries for the Recreation Division and found there is a $280,000 shortfall. Premium p is not funded by the City and the Department must absorb this cost. Additionally, approved settlement with Local 790 which covers recreation directors will give employe an additional 1% increase in salary and in retirement in January 1995. The cost of t settlement will be approximately $170,000, resulting in a $450,000 deficit.

If additional funding is not received the Recreation Division will be forced to cut its p time staff by 30%. Therefore, staff is requesting a supplemental appropriation for frin benefits, premium pay costs and salary increases, over which the Department has control. Without the funding, there will be a devastating reduction in staffing levels the Recreation Division.

Mr. Arnold explained that fringe benefit costs (retirement, social security, health a dental) are calculated by the City. But premium pay is not automatically calculated a the premium pay cost for the 338 recreation directors who work beyond 5:00 p.m. is v costly to the Department. If the supplemental appropriation is not approved Recreation Division will have to drastically curtail its programs and services.

9. RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT
RECREATION DIVISION
SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION REQUEST

Commissioner Rovetti said he wanted to include premium pay costs in future budgets. **General Manager, Mary E. Burns,** explained that the budget instructions specifically do not allow the Department to includes these costs.

On recommendation of the Finance and Candlestick Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Ruiz, seconded by Commissioner Chan, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 17020

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves a request for Supplemental Appropriation in the amount of $450,000 to be submitted to the Board of Supervisors regarding shortfall in mandatory fringe benefits for the Recreation Division for fiscal year 1994-95.

The Commission unanimously approved this item.

Note for the Record: After the meeting, the salary and fringe benefits shortfall was recalculated to be $367,000.

3:15 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. the Commission convened in Executive Session regarding Item 10.

10. SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS

On motion of Commissioner Rovetti, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 17021

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the proposed settlement of the following litigated claims:

a) Claim of Rachialle Johnson in the amount of $16,927.28.
b) Claim of Sha-Marie Heady in the amount of $34,494.50.
c) Claim of CCSF v. Rothenburg in the amount of $25,000.00.

The Commission unanimously approved the settlement of these claims.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT

At this time members of the public may address the Commission on items that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Recreation and Park Commission. Members of the public may address the Commission for up to three minutes.

John Laskin, said people will not be able to play golf in West Marin because the environmentalists are not making it possible. He stated that the East Bay Regional Park System will not allow people to pick mushrooms because the Sierra Club prevailed upon the park managers. He further stated that petty governmental officials like to cause trouble. A person who was blazing trails at Point Pedro Park had his tools confiscated and the rangers destroyed some of his paths. He said his gripe was environmentalists who pride themselves by denying others from enjoying themselves.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT (Continued)

Peter Desmond, explained that he was involved in the discussion about the award of t Golden Gate Park Stables lease but felt uncomfortable commenting on that iss because the opposition was not present. He offered an invitation to any of t Commissioners to visit the Stables and said the way the Stables are maintained had lit to do with money but had to do with respect. He said the Stables have issues relating safety and noted there are dangerously exposed nails in one of the arenas. abandoned car has been on the facility for over a year. These issues do not take fun but rather take care. He thanked Commissioner Ruiz and Immendorf for interceding his behalf and acknowledging that he was a legitimate member of the waiting list some 20 years.

12. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

General Manager, Mary E. Burns, submitted the following report:

"BUDGET A meeting was held with the Mayor's budget staff on Monday to discuss t 1995-96 budget for the Recreation and Park Department. At that meeting the budg staff confirmed that our department faces a substantial reduction in general fund supp and must absorb all increased personnel costs resulting from City negotiated settlemer with employee organizations without any additional general fund revenues. T department is already feeling the impact of these increases this fiscal year due to t SEIU settlement. We project that the 1995-96 cost of this settlement will be in excess $2 million. The department's budget request is due to the Mayor on February 1. St recommendations on the budget will be brought to the Commission in January.

FOOTBALL PLAYOFF GAMES The 49ers will play at least one playoff game Candlestick Park in January. Each game will generate approximately $300,000 additional revenues for the department. The revenues from the first game will make for the revenues lost due to the shortened baseball season. If a second game is play at Candlestick Park, the revenues from that game will be available to begin the desi process for Super Bowl XXXIII.

COMPLETION OF CAPITAL PROJECT The renovation of the Excelsior Playgrou Clubhouse has been completed. The project cost of $350,000 was allocated through t Open Space Program. The work includes a handsome new kitchen, an improved weig training area and a general refurbishment of the facility, including upgrading its disabil access to code.

UPDATE ON MANDATORY DRUG TESTING As I reported in October, the City's Hum Resources Department (HRD) is in the process of formulating a drug policy to com with the U.S. Department of Transportation regulations on alcohol and drug testing safety- sensitive employees who are required to hold commercial driver licenses. Fi seven Recreation and Park employees will be covered by this policy. The cost bei charged by HRD for this program is estimated at $500 per employee for the remaini half of the current fiscal year and $1,000 per employee for Fiscal Year 1995-9 Departments have been told that they will have to absorb the costs since federal fun will not be available. This means finding an additional $28,500 for this fiscal year a $57,000 for the following year.

12. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)

Covered employees will be subject to testing in the following situations: pre-employment, reasonable suspicion, post-accident, random, return-to-duty and follow-up of previous tests.

GOLDEN GATE PARK ROAD CLOSURES-- 1995 In 1990, the Commission approved the holiday road closures for John F. Kennedy Drive and designated that in the future the closure of this road was to be handled administratively by the Department. Therefore, the following is the schedule for 1995 holidays:

Monday, January 16, 1995	Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday
Monday, February 20, 1995	President's Day
Monday, May 29, 1995	Memorial Day
Tuesday, July 4, 1995	Independence Day
Monday, September 4, 1995	Labor Day
Thursday, November 23, 1995	Thanksgiving Day

RECREATION DIVISION SALARY DEFICIT The Recreation Division has suffered through several years of continuing budget reductions. Every attempt has been made to absorb cuts with as little impact on staff hours and community programs as possible. We have been successful in that we have not been forced to lay off any employees or close any facilities during these difficult times. However, the effects of these reductions are now being felt through the creation of large deficits in salary accounts. In addition, the recently adopted SEIU Memorandum of Understanding, which mandates that the Department increase its contribution to the fringe benefits of most of its employees, is another contributing factor to the current situation. The deficits we now face must be eliminated, because the City will not allow continued deficit spending. Because of the seriousness of the situation, hours will have to be reduced at many facilities. Some relief is expected as many units are not staff on rainy days. The supplemental appropriation you are considering today would address much of this problem it if is approved by the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors.

CAMPING IN PARKS Lawyers for the homeless challenged a Santa Ana anti-camping ordinance before the State Supreme Court on December 1, 1994. The case is one of several challenges to anti-homeless measures around the country and the first to reach a state high court. It is possible that the ruling could have an impact on San Francisco's ordinances.

RECREATION DIVISION WINTER PARTIES There are a number of winter parties underway throughout the Recreation Division. At your places is a brochure that lists the date, time and location of the various parties as well as a brief indication of the party activity. Commissioners are more than welcome to drop by any of these parties.

NAN NEAL As you will recall, the Commission adjourned its July meeting with best wishes for a speedy recovery to Nan Neal, Assistant Superintendent of Recreation. I am pleased to report that after many months in the hospital, Nan is at home, where she will continue to receive physical therapy. I hope it will not be too long before I can report that she is back at work.

12. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)

DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday, December 26, 1994	Christmas Day Holiday (observed)
Monday, January 2, 1995	New Year's Day Holiday (observed)
Wednesday, January 4, 1995	Joint Zoo Committee; 4:30 p.m. tour, 5:00 p.m. meeting; Education Classroon San Francisco Zoo
Tuesday, January 10, 1995	Parks and Planning Committee; 4:00 p.r McLaren Lodge
Thursday. January 12, 1995	Finance and Candlestick Committee; 3:00 p.m.; McLaren Lodge
Monday, January 16, 1995	Martin Luther King, Jr., Holiday

13. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Note for the Record: The President did not submit a report.

14. COMMISSIONER'S MATTERS

Note for the Record: No issues were raised by the Commission.

15. COMMISSION COMMITTEE REPORTS

The following Commission Committee reports were submitted for the record:

- Joint Zoo Committee meeting of November 2, 1994
- Finance and Candlestick Committee Meeting of December 1, 1994
- Golf, Yacht Harbor and Camp Mather Committee Meeting of December 5, 1994
- Parks and Planning Committee meeting of December 6, 1994

16. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Commissioner Chan, the meeting was adjourned with best wishes fo speedy recovery to Thelma Shelley, of the War Memorial, who is recovering from a he attack.

There being no further business, the Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shauna Marie Rose
Commission Secretary

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